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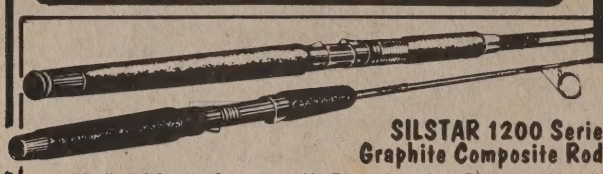

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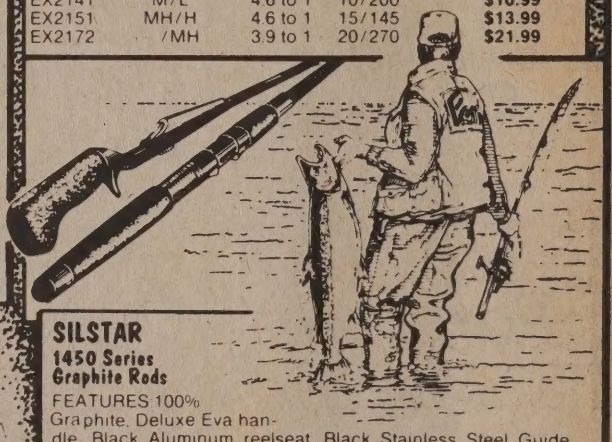

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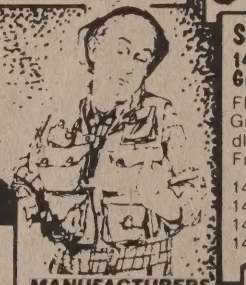

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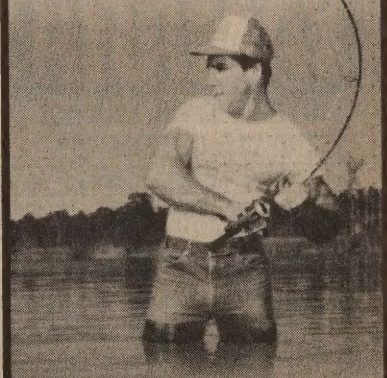

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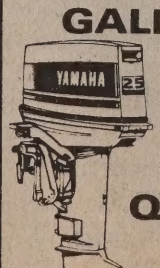

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With the boating season comes a wave of safety advice from an ocean of organizations concerned with your well-being. Unfortunately, because of the large number of safety messages, no single bit of advice is remembered for long. It is sort of a "can't see the forest for the trees" situation.

Boaters may realize that there are dangers involved while refueling, or that there are accepted procedures they should follow to pass another boat, or even that every boat is required to carry certain safety equipment. But what are the specifics0 There is just too much information to remember. Flotilla 13-2 recognizes the frustration boaters may experience in trying to remember all the safety advice bombarding them. So, based on boating accident statistics, it was decided that there is one, easy to remember safety message which, if heeded, would do more to save lives than all the other advice put together. The message is "Wear your Personal Flotation Device."

"With this message, we have the potential to significantly reduce boating accident fatalities," said the Coast Guard's Boating Education Branch in Washington, D.C.

The boating data compiled by the Coast Guard shows that 85 percent of all people who die in boating accidents drown. Of these, most were not wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD).

The logic is simple. Get boaters to wear their PFDs whenever they are out boating and the number of accidental drownings may be reduced by as much as 75 percent. While the logic is there, convincing boaters of the need to always wear PFDs is a challenge. Most people view PFDs as confining, uncomfortable, unglamorous. They interfere with a person getting a tan. They are not "macho." It will be an uphill climb, but we are taking a step just by letting people know about the 85 percent statistic.

Promoting the wearing of PFDs can be compared to safety campaigns geared toward getting people to wear motorcycle helmets or seat belts.

Like these other efforts, what we have to do is make people aware of the dangers they face by not wearing a PFD, then, hopefully they will be able to weigh the benefits of wearing a PFD against the alleged inconvenience.

And it is an alleged inconvenience. With the number of styles, shapes, colors and weights of PFDs available today, there is no reason why everyone can't find one that will be comfortable during a day on the water.

"The information campaigns evidently work, because the death rate is declining even as the number of recreational boats increases," said A. Newell Garden, Chairman of the National Safe Boating Council. "Ideally, we would like to see the wearing of a PFD become second nature to every boater," he continued. "When you go aboard your boat, the first thing you do is put on your life jacket. People do it with seat belts in cars, we hope we can condition boaters to do it on the water."

KAYSEE MARINE SHARK TOURNEY RESULTS

Kaysee Marine on Freeport Creek in Freeport held its Second Annual Shark Tournament on Saturday, June 29th, with the following results:

First place: Ron Dalcero on the Mary Kate, 151 lb. blue shark. Second and third places to Lou Cohen on the Cher Miss, for 103 lb. brown shark and Doug Connellan on The Hunters, also for a 103 lb. brown shark.

TOURNAMENT ANGLERS AND SEA ISLE RUN TOURNAMENT

The 6th Annual Billfish and Tuna Tournament being co-sponsored by Tournament Anglers and Sea Isle Sports will be held July 19th and 20th out of Guy Lombardo Marina, Freeport. All clubs and individuals invited, but you must register to enter. Entry fee $500 per boat. Cash prizes of $3000, $2100 and $1000, for tuna, blue marlin, white marlin, sword. All IGFA rules shall apply.

For further details and registration, contact Sea Isle Sports, in Freeport, (516) 868-8898.

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In the new "Fisherman's Journal and Record Book," Christopher Eiben combines essential reading with a personal record keeping volume for anglers. The book also includes a 12-page polypropylene photo album for displaying your favorite fishing photographs.

This book will appeal to all anglers. The opening sections answer the question in the mind of each fisherman: "How do I verify that the "big one" that I might catch today is a record?" The question is neither frivolous nor fantastic. According to the International Game Fish Association more than 1000 line-class world records were broken in 1984.

Fisherman's Journal and Record Book also includes a smorgasbord of interesting facts and anecdotes (some hilarious), the world fishing record list, journal entries of famous fishermen, and a collection of historical fishing photographs guaranteed to amaze all anglers. The bulk of the book is a personal record keeping

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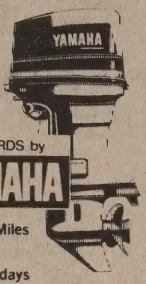

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For those wishing to look into this further, contact "Nau-Stop, Inc.," 447 Atlantic Avenue, Freeport, NY 11520, or call them at (516) 868-2900.

1985 KEY WEST FISHING TOURNEY

The Southernmost City's annual fishing competition promises more awards than ever for participating anglers in the 1985 Key West Fishing Tournament—already under way—which extends through Nov. 15th this year.

Trophies, plaques, citations and sportsmanship awards and patches will go to hundreds of anglers who register catches among 45 different saltwater varieties which can be caught on deep sea, reef, wreck, drift, bottom fishing and flat fishing excursions.

Rules are not demanding, although all catches must be made on regulation tackle and, of course, anglers must hook and play fish, without help, to qualify. Standard tournament regulations apply, according to Tourney Chairman Capt. Bill Wickers, Jr., who points out that Key West's track record of numerous world-record fish presents an appealing opportunity to angling enthusiasts.

Competitors may utilize their own boats or a registered Key West charter boat captain to participate in the tournament, Wickers revealed.

The Gulf Stream, which runs near the Southernmost City on its Atlantic Ocean side, is known among fishermen everywhere for its marlin, sailfish, tuna, wahoo and dolphin.

Sport fishing in a variety of modes is available almost everyday of the year in Key West and neighboring Keys. A day of big game fishing in Keys waters is a memorable experience, with even the novice angler given an opportunity to fight a big marlin or sailfish, a speedy wahoo or spectacular jumping dolphin (the fish, not the mammal!).

Reef or wreck fishermen—or fisherwomen—either on small boats or party boats, can find a real fight in angling for sporty amberjack, large grouper and oversize snapper, as well as other reef specimens generally taken while bottom fishing. Smaller light tackle craft specialize in shallow

water action and "backcountry" angling for such prizes as bonefish, tarpon and permit.

A full color tournament guide, listing rules and complete entry information, can be obtained free by writing Key West 1985 Tourney, Box 2154 SN, Key West, FL 33045. The pamphlet also provides record fish caught in previous tournaments and citation weight measurements as well as tournament categories, according to Rita Pierce, tournament secretary, who advised that potential participants also may obtain copies and other information by calling 305-294-6098.

MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT GRAPHITE

One of the most important tools of a good angler is his fishing rod. Unfortunately, many fishermen have misconceptions about rods, and the experts at Garcia would like to clear things up.

"If a fisherman understands the rod's components and their purpose, it will increase his skill and success," says Mark Davis, Garcia rod designer. "Frankly, there is no single rod material suited for all types of fishing. Each component has a purpose. Graphite, for example, has been a great addition for fishermen because of its strength and sensitivity. But in some cases, a graphite rod isn't the answer."

This was evident when pro bass fisherman Rick Clunn won the 1984 Bass Masters Classic. Clunn, who caught 21 bass with a combined weight of 75 lbs. 9 oz. used a fiberglass rod for the majority of the event because of the lure he was using, the way he was fishing and the manner in which the fish were striking the lure.

Why didn't he use graphite? Because the reaction of a graphite rod is quick and sudden. When fish slashed at his fast-moving crankbait, he needed a rod that cushioned the blow, gave with the strike and didn't jerk the lure away.

Another consideration was that he was fighting the fish close to the boat. Nets are not allowed in the Bass Masters Classic, and Clunn wanted to be able to get a lip hold on the fish without the hooks ripping free.

This is not to downplay the importance of graphite. The material will forever be a favored rod ingredient because of its positive qualities.

"Graphite composites have a place in a fisherman's equipment," Davis says. "Anglers who are looking for the sensitivity of graphite and the durability and softness of fiberglass will find a composite to their liking."

Many fishermen, however, believe that total graphite is the ultimate in a fishing rod. Davis maintains that as long as a strand of graphite runs continuously from the rod tip to the butt, the angler can be assured of sensitivity. Tests by Garcia show most quality rods are composed of 40 to 60 percent resins to help bond rod materials.

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materials to make a rod practical," Davis explains. "Manufacturers who claim 100 percent graphite are fooling the consumer. It may be 100 percent graphite fiber, but the rod is not pure graphite. A pure graphite rod would be too stiff and very breakable.

"When graphite rods first came out, they got a lot of bad publicity because they broke so often. That was because fishermen were abusing them as they had abused fiberglass for so many years. A graphite rod can't be banged around without suffering some stress damage or breakaage."

Davis recommends graphite rods for plastic worm fishing or for single hook lures like jigs. Graphite composites or fiberglass rods are best when the fisherman wants to be sure the hooks stay in the fish's mouth, when fishing for soft-mouthed fish, or when sensitivity is not critical.

FISHING HALL OF FAME CELEBRATES 25TH

"1985 is the 25th Anniversary since the founding of the National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame, a non-profit organization based in Hayward, Wisconsin," it was announced by Bob Kutz, the Hall's founder and now its director.

The Fishing Hall of Fame is a one-of-a-kind national accredited museum complex covering seven acres of land. It consists of a gateway/administration building and five museum structures with 25,000 square feet of display space housing thousands of sport fishing artifacts; dated lures, rods, reels, accessories, antique outboard motors, photographs, recognitions and a fishing theater.

The landmark of the Hall of Fame is a 500-ton fiberglass, steel and concrete edifice hand-sculpted into the likeness of a leaping musky, 143 feet long and 4½ stories tall. The gaping toothed mouth is an observation deck large enough to hold 30 persons. The innards are also a walk-thru museum. Today, 8-10,000 visitors go through the museum each open season week, April to November.

The Hall's volunteer founder said, "The Hall also maintains a research library for contemporary and historic fishing facts; is a qualifier and publisher of world freshwater sport fishing records, and conducts an annual world induction program to recognize persons and organizations for outstanding achievement. Its programs are all a free public service."

Kutz said, "The Hall had to struggle during its formative years for development fund donations. Since, the project grew to reality solely by national public support donations."

He furthered that, "More than 200,000 contributors of the nation donated to put the two million dollar educational museum project on the map as a tribute to their sport. The current, near $300,000 annual operational budget is supported entirely by donations, memberships and museum admissions."

The Hall's primary growth has been since 1970, when five Hayward, Wisconsin, businessmen became a volunteer founders' board and area citizens donated a half-million dollar tract of land adjacent to the city for the project.

Founder Kutz emphasized, "The nation's newspaper, magazine and broadcast people were the key to this national museum's success because of their continued favorable comments and support of the concept, touting its contributions and potential to benefit the fishing industry."

"The grounds were developed and buldings built, one at a time each year, as donated funds became available. The Hall now embarks on its next 25 year cycle as one of America's outstanding educational museums," the Hall's spokesman reported.

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According to Davidson, with Evinrude participating as the official outboard sponsor, NABA is certain to gain a respectable reputation for similar programs in the future.

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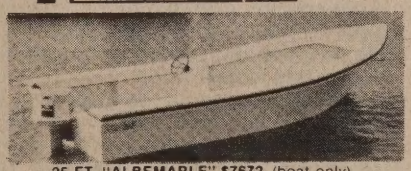

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★ PRODUCT REVIEW ★

C-MASTER V LORAN by MIECO

by Pete Barrett

Mieco is one of the oldest manufacturers of Loran receivers and for over 20 years, they have been producing high quality units that have been used by commercial and recreational boaters. Despite their long commitment to Loran, the Mieco C-Master series is not generally as well known as other, more visible companies that are more widely advertised.

However, fishermen who have used the Mieco swear by its reliability and especially its ease of use. In computer talk, it is "user friendly" and is probably the easiest Loran to learn to use.

I've had a C-Master IV for several years and recently updated it to the latest model V version, something Mieco will do for its customers for a nominal fee if you send an older unit back to the factory. Not all older model Miecos can be updated, so for more specific information on this update program, call or write Mieco at the address and number listed at the end of this review.

The face plate of the C-Master V has upper and lower windows to display TDs and steering information while using the steer computer. To the left of the windows are key pads that control power on/off and various steering and TD selection functions.

Depressing the (PWR) key turns the unit on. To turn the unit off, both (OFF) key pads must be pressed; this prevents accidentally turning the unit off while it is being used for navigation. (BRT) and (DIM) pads adjust the brightness of the two windows that display the TDs and steering information.

To begin using the C-Master V, it must be initialized. Do so by pressing (SPL) (3/GRI) (9) (9) (6) (0) (ENT). The GRI number 9960 will be displayed in each window. Press (SEL A) to cycle through the 4 secondaries, stopping at the 26,000 number, press (SEL B) stopping at 43,000. From now on whenever the unit is turned on it will automatically locate the 9960 GRI and the two secondaries you selected.

Plugging in a waypoint is easy. Press the (WP) pad, then the numbers to label the waypoint, such as (1) (8) for waypoint 18 and then the (ENT) key. Press the (26000.0) numbers, (ENT), then the (43000.0) numbers and again (ENT). The waypoint is numbered and stored.

To steer to the waypoint, press the "from" (FR) key, (0) which is always the present position no matter where you are located, the "to" (TO) pad, the waypoint number (1) (8), then (ENT).

Press the (STR) pad to change the window display from current position TDs to steering information. The top window will display a pair of numbers in the center that indicates how many secondaries are being received by the Loran and how many are being used to calculate the steering position. While steering too far to the left, increasing numbers will be displayed to the right in the upper window in-

dicating a course correction to the right. Numbers on the left side mean alter course to the left.

The bottom window will display the heading to the waypoint. By pressing (SEL B), the display information can be changed to show distance to go in nautical miles, the average speed, and the time to go to the waypoint.

To display the TDs of the current position, press the (POS) pad. Both windows will now display the secondaries previously selected. To return to the steer mode, press (STR) and the course correction information will again be displayed in the top window; the heading, speed, time or distance to go in the lower window.

The C-Master V will do much more than is outlined in this basic discussion of its operation. For more detailed information it is best to talk to an owner of a C-Master, a local dealer or a factory rep. The C-Master will display latitude/longitude, calculate speed over bottom, accept compass deviation information, check on signal to noise ratio and many other detailed functions.

In the three years I've been using a C-Master I have not had a single service problem. I was able to install the unit myself and found the standard antenna plug, like the kind used on VHF radios, easy to install. A good RF ground is essential to good readings and my RF ground was made directly to an engine in direct contact with the water.

While not advertised as waterproof, the C-Master is water resistant. It has withstood heavy rain showers, accidental spraying with a hose and the humidity of living inside a center console under a canvas cover with no ill effects.

The operations key strokes are straightforward and easy to understand. The "From/To" approach of inputting steering information is simple to use. Up to 100 waypoints can be stored.

The Mieco is shaped much like a VHF radio and it can be installed any place a radio will fit. I found this very handy on a center console boat where upper console space is often limited and too exposed to weather. It will also fit into a radio box, or along a bulkhead at the helm or in a companionway into a cuddy cabin.

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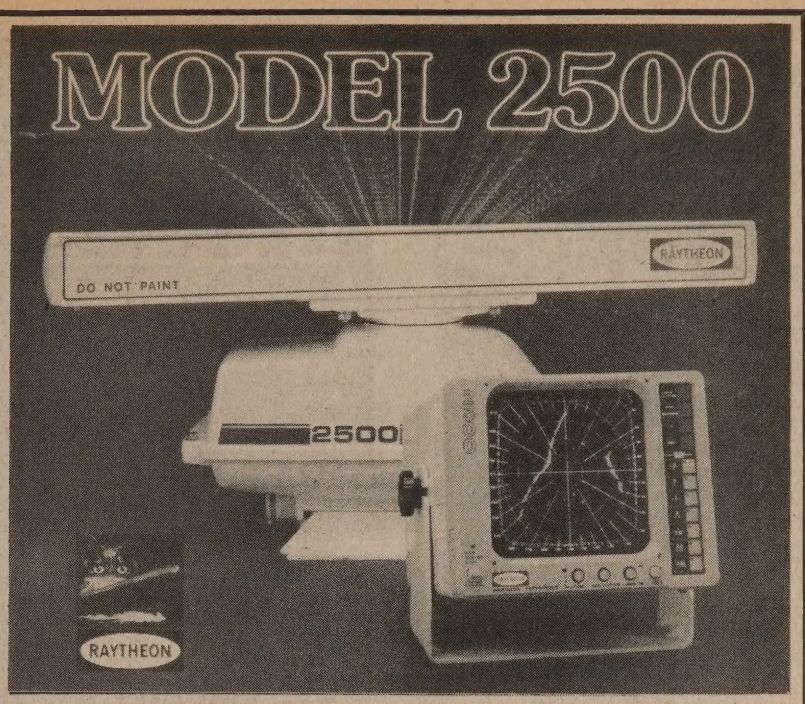

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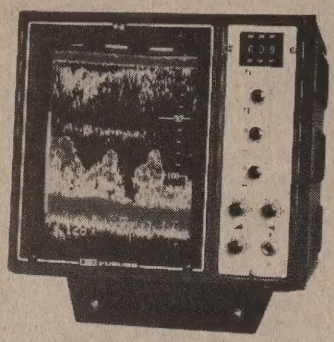

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

I've had some problem with my trolling techniques and I am not completely sure it's my fault or the equipment I am using. Most of my inshore fishing is for blues (isn't this true for everyone), and every time I head out the inlet I start dragging the lures within sight of the bell buoy. By the time I get off to one of the structure areas, I've spent the better part of two hours and most of the time I don't have a single fish to show for the time and effort I've expended.

I do use the standard lures: tube rigs, plugs, spoons and nylons and last summer I even went so far as to purchase a half dozen of the plastic tuna type trolling lures (Jets, Kona and other similar high speed rigs) and that did nothing to improve my scores with any fish, including those bluefish which are supposed to be suicidal in their haste to get caught.

I know I am doing something wrong, for most of the boats fishing nearby are hauling blues while I practice line watching or improve my boat handling skills. I really like fishing, but would also like to spend a little time doing some catching. What's the solution? *Tom Parker.*

Dear Tom,

You do not mention what time of day you fish. Nor do you say whether or not you are using wire line, downriggers or rod planers, or which kind of tackle you presently utilize when trolling for those crazy bluefish.

I assume you have some wire line or at least rod planers to carry your lures down to the fish. If not, this could be your solution to those fishless days. Generally blues, weaks and other game fish will inhabit mid-depth waters once the sun begins to warm the surface strata. The fish will also move off to deeper waters as a combination of hot sun and boat traffic begins to stir the shallow water areas.

If you fish early (meaning prior to or right at first light), you should find plenty of willing takers for your lures provided you give them something that appeals to their normally greedy appetite.

You might also skip over those unproductive inshore spots and head directly to the structure. We've always been partial to structure fishing at first light or just prior to darkness and through the years it has proven it's worth for us when seeking blues or weakfish.

I am not completely sure if my boat will run without my having at least a couple wire line outfits on board. We also utilize the downriggers during mid-morning or high noon hours, for this is the time when blues will be sulking down near bottom in waters that are too deep to be fished correctly with wire line or planers.

If you don't already have the following lures in your tackle box, I suggest you pick up some at your first opportunity. The surgical tube rig is almost standard on bluefish trolling boats. We carry the single-arm type "coat hanger," the two-arm style (umbrella) and when fishing strictly for striped bass, the "gorilla rig," which has six arms and can be rigged with 13 tubes. Spoons such as the Tony Acetta, Spunky, Daredevle, Krocodile and many others that give off a lot of flash, will produce plenty of fish. Nylons and the plastic type trolling lures can be extremely effective, but bluefish can destroy them very quickly and at today's prices, it will not take long to run up a massive tackle bill if you use the plastics on a day-to-day basis.

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Dear Doc,

I have a rather small favor to ask and although it doesn't fall under a tackle problem, it is, nevertheless, quite frustrating to me when I am trolling for bass, blues or weakfish. Maybe you have the answer, since we, too, do a lot of inshore trolling for those same species of fish. Every time my son and I troll we constantly tangle the lines. We use only two outfits, each with wire line and umbrella rigs or bunker spoons. The real trouble occurs when we attempt to work a pattern over bottom structure such as that found on the rocks and near some of the dropoff areas. Our trolling outfits are custom built on 7 foot blanks and we use 40 lb. test single strand wire, a 15 foot leader of 50 lb. test mono and a swivel to attach our rigs or spoons. Why do the lines keep getting tangled and what can we do to resolve the problem? *Jake Eisley.*

Dear Jake,

I would guess you are making turns too tightly for the lines to keep separate on the turns. When this happens, wire lines twist around until the mess is so bad you must cut the wire

to get the outfits apart. (Am I correct?)

You can solve the problem by making wider turns. Let's say you are working a particular patch of bottom that is only the length of a football field and when you reach the opposite end you turn sharply so you can run back over the same area on an opposing track. What actually happens is your boat makes the turn, but those lines that are dragging a couple hundred feet back cross over each other and a nasty tangle ensues.

Just remember to make wider, more deliberate turns and you shouldn't get any tangling of your lines. This is also true when trolling with mono or dacron, but it's not quite as critical since you can see what the lines are doing as you make your turns.

We also have invested some hard earned cash when our wire lines "fell in love" and we had to sacrifice one to save the other. Even single strand costs on today's high priced market. We also find the 7 foot trolling blanks are as near perfect as one is likely to find for inshore trolling since they do give the lures quite a bit of spread when used with offset rod holders on a boat that has a beam of only 8 feet.

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Dear Doc,

I do all my fishing in Greenwood Lake, New York and everyone I talk to up there who uses downriggers has a close, pin type release which they have up in the Great Lakes. I tried getting one all around, but nobody carries them. Could you get me a name and address or company that has them. I have a Canyon Easy Troll downrigger. I hope you can find some place or somebody, or if you know of a better one, because the one I have with the Canyon downrigger, I don't like. Thank you for your time.

If possible, is there any article or books on fishing Greenwood Lake because I can't catch anything up there but crappies. I used everything the bass club said and tried every method, but no good. *Henry Munz, Jr.*

Dear Henry,

I suggest you check around the various tackle shops and pick a release that suits your specific needs. We've used most of the major brands and find them acceptable for our particular type of downrigger fishing. The Roamer Release, the standard Cannon release, Big Jon, Riviera and Penn all work under varying conditions. The clothespin type of release is another excellent choice. Many of the tri-state tackle shops stock this type of release clip at a reasonable price.

It might be a good for you to try a number of different release arrangements before deciding which is best for your needs. Every manufacturer has what he feels is the perfect product and what works for one is not necessarily the correct model for another angler who does his downrigger fishing differently.

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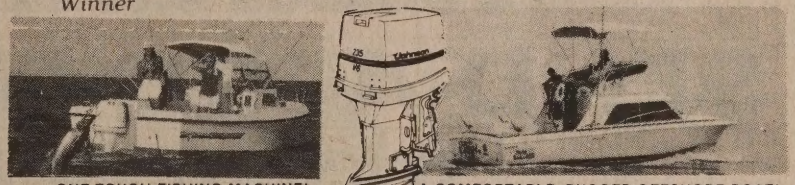

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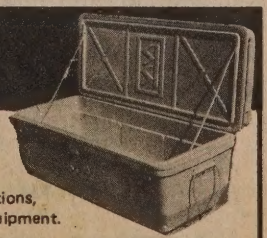

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ATLANTIC WRECK SERIES:

JACOB M. HASKELL

by John Raguso

In the preceding weeks' articles on Atlantic Coast wrecks, we've learned that a good number of these were sent to the bottom as a result of German U-Boat activity during World War II. Unknown to the majority of Fisherman readers, the U-Boat menace of 1942-1945 was not the first time that East Coast shipping had been subjected to the terror of the German undersea raiders. In fact, it was a virtual repeat of what had transpired during World War I. The old axiom states that, "those who ignore the past, are condemned to repeat it." It's obvious that the German Navy figured that since they had thoroughly terrorized coastwise shipping in the first World War, they could duplicate that feat the next time around, and they did precisely that in spades.

This week's installment is the first of what I'll call the "Canyon Wrecks." Even though not every one of these is in 600 feet of water laying on the edge of the Continental Shelf, the common bond that each one shares is that they're all at least 45 miles from the closest New York Bight port and none are situated in water shallower than 190 feet. The wrecks we're going to analyze over the course of the remaining six weeks of this series are the Norness, Carolina, Rio Tercero, Texel, Cole and the Wiley.

Let's go back in time now to one of the blackest days in the annals of East Coast merchant marine history; back to June 2, 1918, when two German U-Boats began a rampage of destruction that sank 11 ships, totalling in excess of 18,000 tons of war materials in only a 48 hour period!

Our wreck for this week, the Jacob M. Haskell, was sent to the bottom in 210 feet of water approximately 52 nautical miles ESE of Barnegat Inlet on June 2, 1918. She was en route from Boston to Norfolk, Virginia with an undisclosed cargo, when the Haskell was set upon by one of the German subs. Since she was a four-master schooner that averaged only 3 to 5 knots when under way, the Haskel was no match for the U-Boat's 17 knot top speed. So when the U-Boat pounced upon her unexpectedly and fired a few rounds from its deck gun across her bow, the crew realized that it was futile to try to make a run for it.

A report from the New York Times gave the following detailed coverage of the event:

Dateline, June 4, 1918, an Atlantic port: "The crew of the Boston schooner Jacob M. Haskell, which was sunk by a German submarine more than 40 miles east of Barnegat, New Jersey on Sunday, was landed at an Atlantic port by the steamer Grecian of the Merchants and Miners Line today. The 11 men of the Haskell's crew had been in their small boats for 19 hours when they were picked up by the Grecian. An officer of the Haskell said that the Grecian after leaving an Atlantic port on Saturday night, had heard firing and ran inside Cape May. Later she sailed, but saw nothing of the German U-Boats.

"The experiences of the Haskell's crew were related by Mate George H. Gilliat, whose home is in Revere. He said, 'The first we knew of the presence of the Germans was at noon on Sunday (June 2) when a shot was fired across our bow by the submarine which sank us. Only one man was on deck at the time, the rest of us being below at dinner. When we heard the shot, we all ran above and at first could see nothing, but a few minutes later Captain William H. Davis sighted the undersea boat in the distance. An officer and several men came aboard of us and we were told to leave the schooner at once. While we were putting a few cans of water and some tins of biscuits into our power boat the Germans placed bombs on our vessel.

"'Following the orders of the submarine officer we went alongside the U-Boat, where we remained until our ship was sent to the bottom. The submarine shelled her in addition to exploding the bombs, and she sank in five minutes. The German captain, who spoke good English, treated us very nicely although he had little to say. After the Haskell had gone down he told us to proceed, and bade us a cheery good-bye. The last we saw of the submarine she was circling around, apparently waiting for other vessels. There were no other ships in sight at the time. The schooner Edward H. Cole had been astern of us the day before and apparently was torpedoed before we were attacked.'

(Continued on next page.)

THE JACOB M. HASKELL
Vital Statistics

Date Sunk: June 2, 1918
Length: 226 feet
Beam: Unknown
Weight: 1,778 tons
Date Built: 1901 Rockland, Maine
Hull Construction: wood & steel
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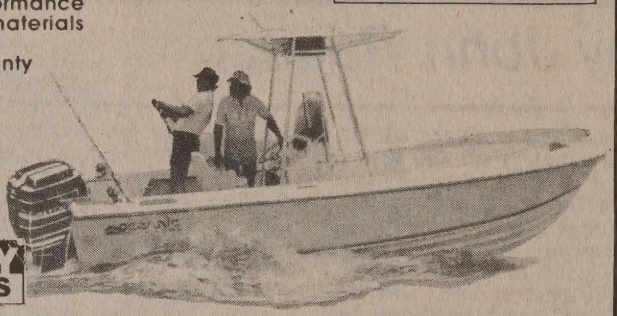

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"Gilliat said that although they were very close to the submarine they saw no name or number. She appeared to be more than 200 feet in length.

"'After putting off from the submarine', the mate said, 'we headed for the New Jersey coast, and passing Barnegat Light in the early evening made fast to a fish trap about eleven o'clock. We remained there until daylight. During the night a thunder squall came up and we were thoroughly drenched. At daylight, we started our engine again and soon sighted the Grecian. We raised an oar as a signal of distress and the steamer hove to'.

"None of the men appeared any the worse for their experiences. The Grecian was herself within sound of the firing as the German submarines carried on their work of destruction on Sunday, although the U-Boats were not sighted. Messages warning of the activities of the submarines were picked up by the Grecian soon after she sailed from an Atlantic port.

"'Shortly after we came into the open sea on Sunday', said Captain E.T. Page today, 'we picked up a wireless message telling of the sinking of the schooner Isabel B. Wiley. Two hours later we received a message from the steamer Carolina saying she was being gunned by a submarine, but giving no position. It was not too long after this that we heard heavy gunfire to the eastward, and decided to run toward the Delaware breakwater'.

"Captain Page was puzzled by a third wireless message which came to him late Sunday afternoon. It was in a familiar code and decoded read: 'Three boats containing 50 men from sunken ships, 20 miles southeast of Barnegat'. The message was not signed and there was nothing to indicate its source. It was recalled here that three boatloads of seamen who had been held on a submarine for several days, were released by the enemy late Sunday afternoon off the New Jersey coast and it was suggested that the message might have been sent out by the submarine itself.

"Captain Page kept his vessel well inshore and late Sunday night when a thunderstorm came up, accompanied by a heavy fog, resumed his voyage. 'We ran without lights and kept our foghorns silent, notwithstanding the danger', he said. 'Early Monday morning we sighted the small boat containing the crew of the schooner Haskell and took them aboard. The Grecian had 15 passengers, among whom there was very little excitement', the skipper said."

As one could imagine, this rash of U-Boat activity so close to the New Jersey/Long Island shoreline was causing some concern on the part of the local residents, and that seems to have been the strategic cause: not to destroy without reason, but to dissuade the U.S. from its participation in the war by demoralizing the general public with U-Boat victories literally

in our own back yard. This success, coupled with the American Navy's lack of ability to effectively deal with the German Submarine threat seemed to assist the German cause to bring political pressure on the Yanks to either do something constructive about this problem or get out of it by suing for peace.

As has been our habit throughout our country's history, we chose to do something about the U-Boat problem, and it was later that day (Sunday, June 4th) that an American destroyer finally confronted one of the "grey wolves" face to face and sent it scurrying. The Navy had played a hunch that U-151 and her partner in terror were working their way south along the Jersey coast, and it was southeast of Cape May that a Tin Can surprised one of the subs as it was attacking a French steamer. According to a U.S. Navy announcement issued the evening of Sunday, June 4, 1918, the events went like this: "The Navy Department has received a dispatch from a United States destroyer stating that at 9:30 o'clock this morning she interrupted an attack by an enemy submarine on the French steamer Radioliene, about 65 miles off the Maryland coast. The destroyer also took on board two men from the Edward Baird, which was bombed and sinking." A later report was received stating that the Radioliene had arrived at an Atlantic port safely.

From a fishing perspective, there are three ways to approach fishing these offshore wrecks that we're going to cover for the next few weeks. The obvious approach is to anchor up over the structure and try to chum up some of the pelagic species that may be in the vicinity. A bonus to this method would be any groundfish like cod, pollock, tilefish, etc., that might be inhabiting the wreck. A second technique would be to drift over the known location of the structure in the hopes of covering more ground near the general area of the wreck, while using chum as a beacon to attract any fish that are cruising near it. The third approach is to troll over the wrecks, while covering the surrounding area with your trolling patterns, as well as the natural underwater approaches to and from the structure (fathom curves, troughs, etc.). The thought here is that if the fish don't happen to be on the wreck at that time, they may be somewhere close by or in transit. Greg Venturo, a noted Jersey skipper and offshore specialist, authored a very informative article about fishing canyon structure in the August 9, 1984 issue of The Fisherman, and I recommend it as required reading to expand your knowledge of this specific fishery. (A Structured Approach to Canyon Fishing.)

Next week we're heading East to the Montauk area to discuss a wreck that has the dubious distinction of being World War II's first merchant marine casualty on the East Coast: the wreck of the Panamanian tanker Norness.

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STALKING SUMMER BASS

by William A. Muller

Surfmen who stroll summer beaches in search of stripers, find their efforts pleasantly rewarding.

Much is written about finding and catching spring stripers as they migrate up the coast or emerge from winter lethargy, and a lot is also put down on paper about the fall migration to the south. These spring and fall periods, however, represent the best times to catch striped bass when the odds in favor of the fisherman's success are highest. In fact, a little over a decade ago a reasonably experienced surf fisherman matched to a fall run would equate to a virtual guarantee of fish; not always big, but usually caught.

All that has changed with the decline of East Coast striped bass stocks. Today's angler, even experienced and talented ones, may not directly seek striped bass, even in the fall. Many of us settle for the stray bass that inevitably mix with blues in the fall surf. If the above statements are true, and I believe them to be fair and honest ones, then how can I seriously suggest we seek bass during the summer doldrums?

Your scepticism is not without foundation! However, one can look at this summer situation in a different way. What are your chances for a blitz of big blues, a consistent run of tide-runner weaks? The answer to these inquiries has to be slim and none! Should we thus stop fishing in the surf and wait for the first reports of fall migrating fish after the first good cold front slips south from Canada and past the East Coast? Some of us may choose this course and catch up on yard work, family obligations and the back-up of work at the job, but many of us enjoy a night at the water's edge on a regular basis. Should we bother? I believe the answer is yes!

I would like to offer a few suggestions concerning an approach that may be significant in terms of the fisherman's enjoyment. First, don't expect too much. Go down to the beach with the idea of getting a cooling sea breeze, a little fresh air, a modicum of exercise and a chance to share peace with Nature. If you can go to the beach with this kind of mental attitude you're a guaranteed winner. Even if you never catch a fish you have reaped rewards for the effort it took you to get your gear together and move it out the door.

Second, you must fish night tides. The sun is too strong, the heat of the day too intense, the boat traffic overwhelming, and the crunch of bathers inhibiting. These wary predators will not invade the shallows with all of

these circumstances conspiring to repel them. At night everything changes. The shallow water cools, the boats are gone (well, most of them), the swimmers have retreated to houses for dinner and sleep. The shoreline is quiet and predators begin to think of finding food. The later the night tide, the better, since the shallow water will be coolest in the wee hours of before dawn. Sure, it's hard to get up and going at 2AM, but sometimes the rewards are surprisingly bountiful.

Third, be prepared for insects. The night air in summer can get very still and gnats and mosquitoes get the upper hand. Be prepared mentally that the bugs won't get to you, and be prepared chemically to give yourself a chance again them. Many folks are adamant about not using chemical bug repellents, and I wouldn't try to change their minds. That's each person's business. If you don't object to using them, then consider Deep Woods Off as being very effective against mosquitoes. For gnats—lots of luck. There isn't much. Some people swear by garlic. They smear it on their hands and face and then wear split cloves around their necks. The success of garlic may depend upon body chemistry; but regardless, you'll have few close friends for the evening.

Others insist that large doses of B vitamins help. I've tried this, too, and without success. Some warn that you should shower with a non-scented soap before going fishing and never use any scented product such as perfume, after shave, or hair spray.

Many fishermen have discovered the ultimate truth about gnats. The only thing that works is smoke, and that only works as long as the smoke is floating around your head. Stop smoking and the bugs zero in on you. Cigarettes work very well, but cigars are better. Once again I'm not advocating smoking, in fact, I gave it up the end of last year and I have no intentions of recalling the habit. Still, I have wondered what I'm going to do about those gnats in 1985.

Avon Skin So Soft has been used effectively in the last few years as a bug repellent. Surf fishermen are using it more and more. Problem is the scent is very heavy and it doesn't wash out of clothing easily. It stays in the rubber or vinyl of your surf top indefinitely. It does work; I've used it with success, but its effectiveness diminshes when you start to sweat. One of the best things you can do is to avoid sweating. That may not be easy in the summertime. You can help yourself by not overdressing, walking slowly and not getting aggravated about the gnats. Easier said than done: I know that!

If you have found a way to deal with the bugs and resigned yourself to a pleasant night on the beach whether you catch fish or not, then you're ready to begin the hunt. Understand that you're more likely to catch small blues, a stray weak and school bass than trophy fish. Where to look? It's probably easier to eliminate from consideration the places where we shouldn't look. For example, I'd stay away from the open ocean. Sure, once in awhile somebody will make a big score during July and August. However, the percentages say that it isn't likely. You might as well make a solid investment as opposed to a weak one.

Look for bass in estuary water: bays, sounds, creeks, etc. Sounds are good because of their typical diverse shoreline structures. There'll be holes, coves, points, rips, and just about anything else you can think of. Bass will find the structures suitable vantage points for ambushing what is usually small but abundant baitfish. Don't expect cows; rather have fun with school fish. Bring light tackle and have a ball. Much the same is true of bays. Inlets are also an excellent choice because bass can move out of "safe" ocean positions under the cover of darkness to feed and should they do this, the first stop on the evening's dinner route will be the inlets. Any size fish is possible because of deep water and a mix of large and small bait, but once again the overwhelming number of bass will be school fish and most of these will be shorts. However, the name of the game is fun and sport and thus a surf fisherman could do worse than to bump into a school of small, but aggressive bass. You might want to beef up the tackle for the inlet fishing, but don't get carried away. Perhaps even a one-handed stick might do in a back bay location or from the shore of a sound, but at the side of an inlet I think a medium action nine footer might be a better choice. Where 8 pound test line might do the trick in the back bay, I'd suggest 12 lb. test at the inlets.

Next is the question of lures. Small Swedish swimmers are best for all around purposes. Perhaps 3 to 5½ inch models. I like floaters better because in the quiet summer bass like to pick off prey that quietly drifts across the surface pushed by gentle currents. Straight or jointed preference seems to depend upon whether or not available bait fish swim with a big wiggle or a slight one. Colors don't seem to matter. I've never put much stock in the importance of colors, but many a good surf rat does.

Another suggestion would be to keep moving. Don't stand in one place because it looks good the way you might do in October. Work from one structure piece to the next and back again. If you find bait in a location, it might pay to hang out a little bit; otherwise make a dozen casts and move on.

Finally, have patience. Don't expect to catch fish. Look around you, and take time to smell the flowers, as the saying goes. Enjoy the beauty of Nature and make cast after cast. Sooner or later you'll run into the eager school and then for a couple of hours you may have the fastest fishing of your life!

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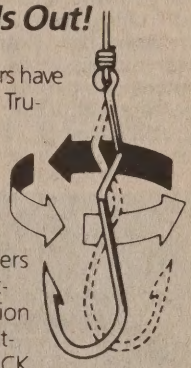

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HIGH LOW TUNA

by Pete Barrett

Slow trolling with spreader rigs on top or large plugs down deep, can pay off in more tuna and billfish.

New Englanders have been using squid spreader rigs for several seasons for giant bluefin and the rigs have been notoriously successful. An old idea that had lain dormant for a number of years, M&M Tackle Company is generally credited with reintroducing and popularizing the slow trolling method.

In only two years after M&M's initial success there are now a dozen or more companies in on the act of manufacturing the squid spreader rigs and based on what we hear from readers there are a lot of boats that will be trying the rigs this season—not only for bluefin but for other tunas, like yellowfin and bigeye, as well.

The basic design of the spreader rigs uses a daisy chain of Moldcraft plastic squids with 4 to 6 squids on a wire, mono or cable leader. Attached at the head end of the rig, usually in front of the second or third squid is a spreader bar. The bar is about 4 feet wide and more squids are mounted on the bar at each end and at the middle of each arm.

Trolled at 2 to 4 knots the appearance of the rig is awesome. They truly look like a small school of squid or baitfish skipping across the surface water.

My own experiments with the rigs did not produce any giants, but I did troll with the rigs last fall on several trips and came up with numerous catches of false albacore (pain in the butt), some skipjack (slightly less pain), one 75 lb. yellowfin, two 50 lb. class bluefins that were tagged and released and one bluefin of about 125 lbs., also tagged and released. The catches are not impressive, but they

This tuna was fooled by a daisy chain squid rig. More fishermen will discover just how effective these lures are as their usage increases among tuna anglers.

were encouraging and this year I plan to put more time in with the spreaders.

Many fishermen believe the rigs will work at the Canyons and other offshore tuna spots, not just for inshore giant bluefins. Jesse York of Long Island had a blue marlin on a spreader rig. Although he did not boat the fish, the fact that the billfish did strike the rig and was hooked is very encouraging. He also caught longfin albacore on the rig.

Other canyon fishermen I've spoken to have tried the rigs and reports vary from "fantastic" to "so-so." One canyon runner from Cape May told me of catching 3 yellowfins in rapid succession on a single rig, but on the next trip he couldn't buy a hit so he returned to standard lures to make his catch. Today's sure bet may not be tomorrow's winner.

Bill LaGruda, fishing out of Shinnecock, caught a white marlin and five albacore on a pair of spreader rigs on his last trip of 1984 while working a pattern near the Texas Tower.

There's no doubt the rigs have the ability to take other tunas and billfish too; but their terrific success was based on use at hot tuna spots in Massachusetts where the overall water depth on those grounds is relatively shallow in comparison to our giant bluefin areas and especially when compared to our best canyon areas. Will the rig pull fish in deep water was well as shallow water? Early experiments seem to say "Yes."

One drawback is the very slow trolling speeds required to make the rigs catch so effectively. Anything more than a few knots and the rigs will start to cartwheel and tangle. The slow speed prevents the angler from covering a wide section of water as can be done with high speed trolling lures.

I plan to use the rigs in specific areas like the Texas Tower, the Tip of the Hudson, the Letters and the Elbow and so work a smaller trolling pattern. The slow speed prevents roaming around, so I'll stay in a small area and work it hard.

Getting baits (lures) down deep has been a good idea that many tuna fishermen have tried but most echo the same results. "You can't troll fast when you go deep." Downriggers, planers, strings of weights and super heavyweight lures won't function well at high speeds or even at medium speeds. Downrigger trolling balls start swinging wildly, the cables hum loudly and lures pop out of the line clips because of the hard pulling on the lure.

Since the spreader rigs will have already slowed down the trolling speed, it seems logical to try again with downriggers to also get a pair of lures down deep. While the spreaders dance enticingly on top, other lures may help draw from down deep—and the slower trolling speed is perfect for downrigger fishing.

A close watch on a color scope while trolling will often show tuna located at or near the surface at dark, dawn and early morning, but as the light levels increase they tend to drop ever deeper in the water sometimes indicated on the color scope at depths of 100 feet or more. It can be tough to get them to rise to surface lures when they go so deep.

Deep running plugs may fool these fish. Over the last two seasons I've fooled with big plugs on several occasions and had both successes and some failures. The most exasperating failure was to get a good hook up only to have the plug literally torn apart. Standard plugs use for striped bass, even those that are through wired don't always hold up to tuna. Treble hooks are useless, plastic diving lips break quickly and brass through wires break.

Two plugs did work with some consistency: the Rapala 26 SM Mag and the Boone Cairns Swimmer. The Rapala is a wooden plug with a stainless diving lip, stainless through wires and comes rigged from the factory with a pair of double hooks that are super strong. The Cairns Swimmer comes with heavy duty trebles which I replace with double hooks. It, too, is through wired and has a super darting action.

Both lures can be fished on downriggers very effectively at slow trolling speeds. At faster speeds the hard swimming action places so much strain on the line the lures are constantly popping the line clips from the downrigger trolling weights. At 2 to 4 knots they work beautifully.

Both plugs have taken yellowfins and longfins. No doubt some of the early plug failures with smashed, mangled and destroyed plugs may have been hook-ups with big eyes that were simply too much for the plugs and impossible to handle. I do believe the two plugs just mentioned should be able to handle a decent sized big eye. We'll find out real soon.

The concept of deep trolling at the canyons is again nothing new, but most of us who fish there seem bent on sticking to the old ways for running lures on top. An unusual success story from Florida may indicate the potential of downriggers in our waters.

A Great Lakes salmon charter boat docked this past winter at Holiday Isle Marina in Islamorada. Locals scoffed at the weird downriggers until the boat began catching amberjack, blackfin tuna and numbers of wahoo with fast paced regularity. The five blue marlin the boat scored was a better catch than nearly all the other charter boats combined for the winter months at that dock! Deep trolling could be a red hot method for the canyons too.

High-low trolling for tuna will be tried by more tuna fishermen this year than ever before. The ultimate success of each method, or of both methods used together remains to be seen, but the chance to try something new has captured the imagination of a number of canyon trollers.

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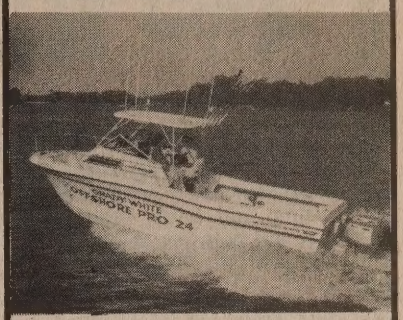

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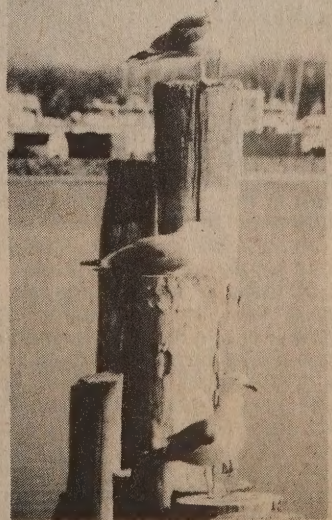

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TRIAL & TRIBULATIONS

by Matt Ahern

It is embarrassing for anyone to admit he or she is guilty of being stupid on occasion—but I admit to it. I've done a number of foolish things throughout my fishing life, and it is my hope that by the time you finish reading this article, it will help you avoid some of the trials and tribulations I've had to endure.

For instance, one bright August morning I pulled a good one. Unwritten fishing law says that when you do, you pay for it. Behind the skiff in this particular instance lay the enormous fluke I had just reeled to the surface. It seemed more dead than alive and so exhausted it was barely finning itself. It was possibly the largest fluke I'd ever hooked while fishing the Atlantic Beach section of Reynold's Channel: an easy 12 pounds—and I had no net.

There was absolutely no way I was going to land that fluke without help. And there was no help. Berating myself was like beating a dead horse; what was done, was done. But I just couldn't let that monster lie there without doing something. So I lay the rod aside and tried to handline the fluke within reach. What I intended doing after that, I had no idea. But it was up to me to do my best. As I say, I attempted to draw the fish closer to the skiff. Maybe I could bash it with an oar and knock it senseless. If that cave-man tactic didn't work, perhaps I could get a couple fingers under a gill cover and lift it aboard.

As I drew the fish closer, I noticed with much despair a two inch, hook-torn, ragged hole along the upper cheek of the fluke's mouth. From it hung the hook, swinging to and fro like a pendulum. Maybe, I thought, if I could keep the right amount of tension on the leader, the hook would snub up and stay put. It might have worked at that, but the fluke was fast recuperating and the instant it gaped its mouth for a breather, the hook floated out as neat as you please.

And there I was, staring at the monster who, in turn, stared right back as if daring me to do something. It then slowly turned into the current and drifted toward the stern. As it moved away, I made a desperate last effort grab. But all I got was a contemptuous swat from a powerful tail across the back of my wrist. Then, the fluke arched its broad back and glided beneath the surface. Down, down it went, in slow, ever widening circles. I watched mesmerized, until finally I could see it no longer. Had I been a kid, I would have cried; but being a grown man, I settled for a few sobs.

This wasn't the first time I'd lost a good fish, but it was the first time I'd lost one because of my foolishness. I had taken along the net that morning, but in my haste to rent the skiff and get going, I left it in the car trunk. It wasn't missed until I passed under the Atlantic Beach Bridge, anxious to anchor (no outboard that day) and fish the flats bordering the channel. But like a fool, I didn't care to spend valuable time rowing back for it. It was a foolish thing to do, I admit, and certainly I had no one to blame but myself.

How about forgetting the bait? That's pretty common. If this hasn't happened to you yet, don't pat yourself on the back. Unless you keep on your toes, it will. This annoyance isn't too bad if you're able to make a fast return for it. But what if you're not? Like the time Artie Leidecker and I beat our way ten miles offshore on an intended cod trip before I noticed our bushel of skimmer was still back at the dock. It happened almost 40 years ago, but I haven't lived it down yet.

Ever leave your tackle box home? I have. Twice. That's the ultimate sin; worse than leaving a net or gaff behind. At least, if these implements are overlooked you can still fish and hope for the best—but a forgotten tackle box?

But such things, as annoying as they might be at the moment, only cause temporary mental anguish. But what about those stupid things one does that could lead to bodily harm? I've had some close calls in that respect.

What I'm about to relate happened when I first began fishing more than 60 years ago, say within the first ten years. None has occurred since. I've learned my lessons well and have never allowed myself to get into such dire circumstances since. When life and limb may be forfeit, I've learned to think before making any move which might put me in jeopardy.

The first bad situation happened one August day when I and three other fishermen were drifting for fluke about a mile off Coney Island's Norton's Point. I was about 16 at the time. We were in a 26 footer, which in itself was safe enough. But I couldn't leave it that way. No, I had to get out on the bow, which was decked over with a smooth surface. There wasn't even a six inch handrail. The fact that I was wearing smooth-soled sneakers never entered my mind. Nor did I realize how dangerous such footwear could be on a wet, slippery surface.

I was doing okay with the fluke, nailing one right after the other, a common occurrence during those great fluke fishing days. Each one I caught, I tossed over the cockpit cabin with a gleeful cry of "Look out below!" But one of those fluke slipped from my grasp and I made a mad dash for it before it could bounce overboard. Those smooth sneakers hit the slime and drippings left behind by my bouncing fluke, and both fish and I went over the side together.

Such scenes have been enacted hundreds of times in the movies and on TV. Of course, it's all supposed to be for comic effect. But take it from me, there's nothing comical about it. I've got a strange feeling that if I hadn't known how to swim, I wouldn't be sitting before this typewriter now. I was in the water probably less than five minutes, but you'd be amazed to see how far that 26 footer drifted in the time it took to start the engine and run back for me. For all I know, my rod and reel still lie off Norton's Point.

Ever been on a fishing boat that caught fire? I have, and if I had to choose, I would rather go overboard with smooth sneakers.

Actually, what happened wasn't due to any foolish thing I'd done, but more to the fact that as a youngster I was extremely naive. But what's the diference? The near disastrous results would have been the same. I figure I better tell you about it so that at some future time you don't become involved in a like situation.

I was trapping killies in Shell Creek Basin, Howard Beach, when I met this guy who almost cost me my life. He was just tying his boat to the dock as I dumped a load of killies into the bait box. A comment was made about the killies and soon we were deep in conservation, as though we'd known each other for years. You know how it is with fishermen. There's no protocol involved. You see a guy fishing and there's no hestitation in breaking the ice. We're all brothers under the skin.

Well, as I say, one word led to another and he invited me to go fluke fishing off the Rockaways the next day. I accepted gladly and asked if I could bring my buddy along. Sure thing, he said, and I'm glad now that I thought enough to include my lifelong buddy Artie Leidecker. We were only in our late teens then, but already he had acquired the cranky, suspicious nature that endures to this day.

Artie and I showed up in plenty of time the following morning, and while our newfound friend went for ice, Artie looked the boat over. "I don't know," he said, shaking his head.

I was used to Artie'e negative look at things in general, so as a matter of

course, I asked, "What's the matter now?"

"This boat," he replied. "It's filthy. Wonder when it was washed down last."

I had noticed the boat's disgraceful condition, too, but it didn't register on me the way it did on Artie. "So what?" I said. "It's a fishing boat."

"Damn, but you're dumb," he growled. "I've never seen a fisherman who loves his boat keep it in this condition. We better watch our step with this guy. Take my word for it: keep your eyes open."

We got going all right and everything seemed okay until we were about in the middle of Rockaway Inlet when the engine suddenly quit. No warning: just one hesitating gasp and that was it. "Don't worry about it, fellers," our host said. "It happens almost every day I go out. She'll start as soon as it cools off. Drop a line over and fish while we're waiting."

He removed the engine cover to allow for faster cooling and Artie and I began to dunk killies. But our companion didn't. Instead, he got out the hand pump and began to discharge the water that sloshed in the bilge. "She leaks a little up forward," he said. "It's nothing."

When that job was finished, he started the engine and it went right off. But here he made a mistake that almost cost us our lives. He picked up the hand pump and passed it over the exposed engine. About a pint of water sluiced out and the engine stalled. He fooled around without success. "I'll get it started, fellers, don't worry." He picked up a quart can of raw gas. "I'll pour this down her throat. She'll go."

She went all right. The instant he ground the starter, the engine backfired and went off with a roar of flame which leaped a good 15 feet into the air. In seconds, the engine and combing was ablaze. We had taken on 50 gallons of gas before we left and the tank was strapped to the deck about six feet from that roaring inferno.

There was only one thing to do—get overboard. And fast!

"Where the hell's the fire extinguisher?" Artie shouted to our frightened host.

"Down below! But it's froze up and won't work!"

Well, to make a longer story a bit shorter, Artie ran down below, ripped the extinguisher from the bulkhead, slammed it a few times on the deck, and damned if it didn't work. The fire was out in seconds. And damned again if that engine didn't start right up and purr like a kitten. But enough was enough. We demanded he return and put us ashore.

And those, my good friends, are some of the foolish things fishermen will do. Some like losing a big fish, or forgetting bait, and things like that, are not too bad, actually. But you better think twice if what you do involves your skin. A word of warning is certainly sufficient in this instance.

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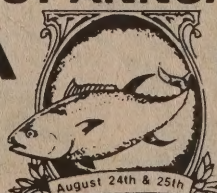

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PERCH ☐
BASS ☐
GAR ☐

ANSWERS AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE.

(2) THE ATLANTIC WHITE MARLIN (75 LBS.) IS SMALLER AND LIVELIER THAN STRIPED OR BLUE MARLIN. WHAT ELSE IS DIFFERENT FOR PURPOSES OF IDENTIFICATION?

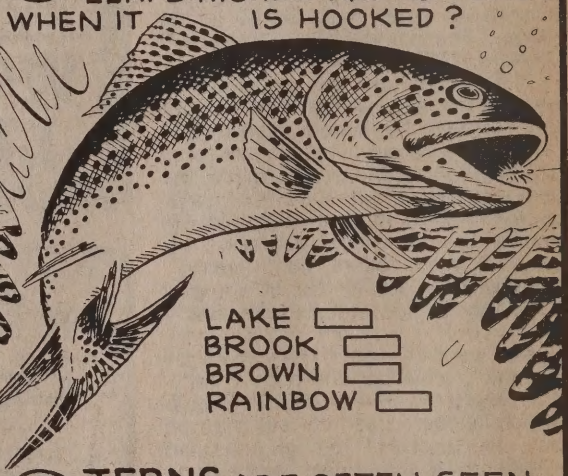
BY FRED GUARDINEER

(3) AS A GENERAL RULE, HOW MANY TIMES THE LENGTH OF THE BOAT SHOULD A LINE BE TROLLED WHEN AFTER BLUE FISH?

5X ☐ 10X ☐ 20X ☐

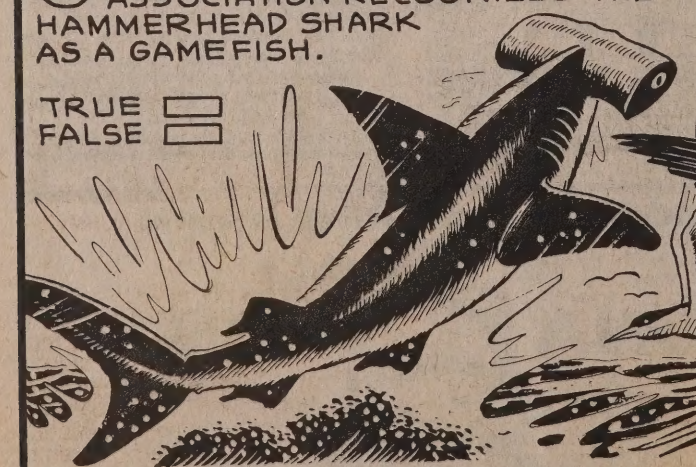
(4) WHICH OF THESE TROUT LEAPS HIGHER AND MORE OFTEN WHEN IT IS HOOKED?

LAKE ☐
BROOK ☐
BROWN ☐
RAINBOW ☐



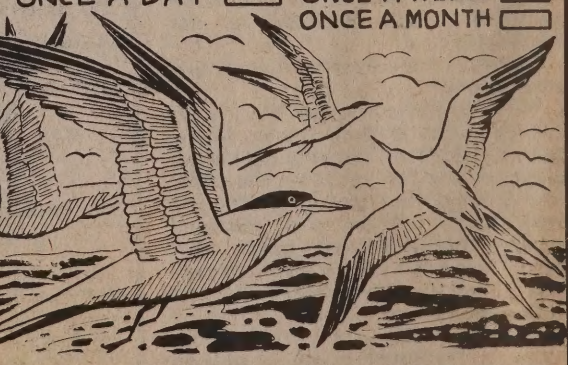
(5) THE INTERNAT'L GAMEFISH ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES THE HAMMERHEAD SHARK AS A GAMEFISH.

TRUE ☐
FALSE ☐



(6) TERNS ARE OFTEN SEEN FLYING HUNDREDS OF MILES AT SEA. HOW OFTEN DO THEY RETURN TO SHORE FOR A DRINK OF FRESHWATER, A READER ASKS US?

ONCE A DAY ☐ ONCE A WEEK ☐
ONCE A MONTH ☐



1-PERCH. 2-ROUNDED RATHER THAN POINTED PECTORAL AND ANAL FINS. 3-FIVE TIMES THE BOAT LENGTH. 4-RAINBOW TROUT. 5-TRUE. ALSO BLUES, PORBEAGLES, MAKOS, THRESHERS, TIGERS AND WHITES. 6-THEY DON'T HAVE TO RETURN AT ALL. UNLIKE HUMANS, THEY CAN DRINK SALTWATER NATURALLY.

BASS ARE HOMEBODIES

by Carl Buxbaum

Locating good structure is the key to finding those highly productive "honey holes."

Anyone trying to make sense of the conflicting stories, some scientific and others folk tales, about largemouth bass habits is doomed to suffer "brain cramps." There's all that talk about migration routes, water temperature, cold front, creek beds, structure, schooling patterns, deep haunts, lily pads, other weed species, oxygen levels—and so on. If all the data were fed to a computer, the screen would probably flash—"Sorry, I need a rest." The most sophisticated computer might protest, "Too much information; Overloaded!"

Science has limits. It can't always satisfy human expectations or hopes. And, after all, fishing is just that: fishing. What's needed is enough knowledge to keep it fun. How much does the angler really need to know? All the stories seem to boil down to a main common denominator. Bass are basically homebodies. That is, except for the annual move into shallow spawning zones, they tend to set up housekeeping in a comfortable spot: where food's abundant, they're shaded from harsh sunlight and there's ample opportunity to hide, poised for ambush.

Biologists have tracked individual bass in which they implanted tiny radio transmitters. Through all seasons, it was usually found that when bass migrate, if at all, they don't stray far from home. Unless there's a substantial alteration in forage stocks or habitat, therefore, bass shouldn't be expected to pick up nomadic traits. Even famous bassin' pundit Buck Perry, the inventory of "spoonplugging" and advocate of trolling, admits that largemouths stay in "sanctuaries" most of the time. So, why not bring the battle right to their doorsteps. If nothing's happening, don't wait for the fish to come out on a feed. Get right on them, at home. Act like a door to door salesman. Fish may not be so hungry as to search for food, but hungry enough to welcome convenient home delivery. When not in the least interested in food, they'll often take a whack at an intruder. Tough lunkers, especially, frown on breaking and entering.

This all made more sense to me after the last fishing trip with my old friend Dick. His job took him to the back country of northern Vermont years ago, and we occasionally visit one another. He sounds progressively less like a New Yorker. We were working over a Long Island pond in midsummer and doing nothing. "Too hot," I complained. "Bass don't have much appetite, when it's like this," he responded with typical staccato New England wisdom. "Nope, they gotta eat—always do. Just find 'em!" In his mind there's no such thing as too hot, too cold, too early, too late, or too anything. Those are excuses for failure. We kept moving until reaching a point where a sand and gravel bottom dropped off to deeper water. The area past the drop was choked with weeds, growing about halfway up from around 8 feet down. And, we found 'em! Fish after fish. They were just sitting there, down in the greenery. I tied on a plug that hadn't taken a fish in over 30 years, since I was a kid, just to see... It worked. We found a largemouth condominium. Hungry or not, intruders weren't tolerated.

This 5½ pound largemouth fell for an eight inch, black plastic worm, fished over a submerged rock pile.

That's only one kind of bass housing. Depending on what's available in different waters, there seems to be a range of desirable shelter—from low income projects to Gold

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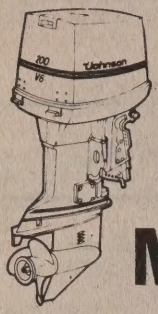

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Coast estates. By and large, weedy sanctuaries represent modest housing, in waters containing more solid structure. In such places, the younger, smaller, or generally weaker, less dominant critters reside in weeds. The real bucketmouths are domiciled in their deeper, intricate rock pile, rubble heap, or tangled brush, deadfall estates. Where such high class shelter is absent, though, big fish take what they can get. So, when on a shallow lake lacking fancy cover, never turn up your nose at weed beds. But do concentrate on those near dropoffs or land points extending into the water. The bruisers seem to claim this sort of terrain and bully out less belligerent competitors.

Many anglers fail to locate ideal bass habitat because they move around too much, trying to cover as much water as possible. They're not all wrong. The more water covered, the more apt the fisherman is to intercept feeding largemouths. But when the fish in a lake are generally inactive, because it's "too" something—hot, cold...whatever—they strike out.

It seems as if bassing strategies have been contaminated by reports of how the pros on the tournament circuit do it. Those guys are usually on strange waters. Even with a week of pre-tournament practice, they still don't **really** know the submerged terrain. Contour maps provide general information about where fish are likely to be, but the specific housing developments, sometimes only a few square yards in area, can't be pinpointed. So, they don't have much choice but to hop about in their super rigged, souped-up rigs, trying one map location after another, hoping to find the honey hole. Sometimes they do. After all, they are pros. Take note, however, of the number of contests in which a local angler, unknown on the pro circuit, places in the top 5. More important, see how often the local weighs in the biggest bass. He's not the best angler—far from it—but he does fish that body of water many days a season, year after year. He knows it.

My heart sank one day last year, when I arrived at Fort Pond's launch site. I put in so much time there that I'd come to think of it as "my pond." The whole surface was alive with bass boats—each fitted with electric gadgetry and trolling motors. The hulls were plastered with "Bassmasters" stickers, and the jackets and caps of the occupants sported patches with the same logo. Stunned, I thought—a tournament—those hot shots'll fish out the place.

Everyone was in motion, but a great spot was just vacated. A boat moved through passing spinnerbait and crankbaits right over it. Launching and paddling as fast as possible, I anchored offshore of the historically productive pile of rocks and debris. Casting toward shore, the respectful convoy kept flowing behind me. Everyone was friendly, and lots of "How ya' doin's" flew through the air. I saw a fellow release a smallish bass during the three hours I stayed put. In that time, my Texas rigged plastic worms took 7 fish: two over 4 lbs., one about 3, and the others were nothing to brag about.

The pond wasn't fished out; not only because the fish were released, but also because of what a guy whose house is on the water's edge told me the next week. He watched the tournament all day and saw only 4 fish boated. Now, he probably missed some of the action, but my hunch is that I equalled the tournament tally by weight of keeper sized fish. Why? Because I knew the bottom and which lures were productive at each spot. The point is that because bass are homebodies, homebody anglers will do well. In time they identify an assortment of productive cover and learn that thorough persistence at those spots, even when the action's off, will pay better dividends than running all over the place. Good areas are confirmed when big bass are taken there on repeat performances. Usually, they're the places where lures hang-up and snag. That's a price the successful angler must be willing to pay. If you're not hanging up now and then, you're not knocking on the bass' door.

Suppose you're just starting out, testing new waters on a vacation, or want to fight routine and are looking for the challenge of unfamiliar territory. What about those days when the fish are asleep at all the fantastic spots? How does a fisherman find good cover then? There are a number of ways to approach the "search and destroy mission," from the most primitive, simple strategies to using the latest in electronic surveillance devices. Let's start with the simple first. It seems more sporting.

First, take a good look at shoreline features. Try to identify rocks, the decrepit remnants of long gone docks, large deadfalls or brush piles and the like. Any one of these may extend out to deeper water, and chances are that those reaching the 8 to 15 foot depths hold bass. Also, check out prominent points of land. Some will continue quite a distance out, forming deep water reefs and bars. Having noted these prospects, they can be investigated by slowly dragging a Texas rigged plastic worm along the bottom. Pay attention to the feel and watch the line. First, because you may take a fish, but mainly because this technique helps read the bottom. If the worm moves along smoothly, the shoreline indicators don't continue into the water. Rocks, debris, and brush, on the other hand, will be telegraphed as you feel the worm bouncing, momentarily snagging, or rising and falling through the structure.

When these indicators are present, take the time to work the area thoroughly. Bass are probably there. If ready for a meal, they'll take the

exploratory worm. If the transmissions feel like really intricate, highly valued, lunker real estate, make sure to try an 8 or 9 inch worm. Big fish will often watch a 6 incher pass, yet be unable to resist the satisfaction of a more gluttonous meal. Still no response—try to make the residents defend their turf. This can be done by buzzing big, flashy, clattering spinnerbaits or plugs a couple of inches above the fortress. If you're brave enough to risk losing a lure, let it bump the structure a few times. Literally, knock on the door.

Such prospecting is a slow process. For efficiency, I usually keep three rods rigged: one with a 6 inch worm, another with an 8 or 9 inch version, and the third with a little snap that allows me to conveniently work through an arsenal of spinnerbaits and diving plugs. Six pound line is adequate on the worm rods. Though relatively light, it seems to deliver more strikes, telegraphs the bottom better, and lets a slow worm move with more life. By firmly setting on a fish, fast and keeping its head coming toward you, the line has enough muscle to keep even a 6 pounder from tying you up in the nooks and crannies of his home. With spinnerbaits and plugs, I prefer 8 or 10 lb. test. No, it's probably not better for attracting fish, but I do a lot of "door knocking," and these lures often hang up. I just can't afford to lose too many. The beefier line is more forgiving, when trying to yank free a firmly snagged offering.

When shoreline clues are scarce or don't pay off, slow drifting covers lots of water and finds cover. Heavier worm weights, at least 3/8 ounce and weed less jigs are required to hold or feel bottom from a moving boat. Of course, if you hook a fish, mark the spot, go back, and work it over. But don't wait for that—you're searching for the kind of cover bass cuddle up to. So, on feeling the jig or worm bouncing, snagging, or being tugged by thick vegetation, drop down to lighter, livelier weights and work the spot seriously.

Trolling is the fastest method of covering territory and finding actively feeding fish, if any are present. It's usually not that good at finding structure where bass are holed up, resting. But try. Most trollers like towing 2 or 3 lures at once, each at a different depth. The odds of finding cruising fish are thus improved, but in spite of all that's said about "suspended" bass, most will be near bottom cover. Therefore, estimate the depth and pick a plug or spoon that'll run within inches of the bottom. That way the offering will pass right over deep structure, and if you should come across some high rise lunker dwellings, thrusting toward the surface, it'll hang up. I prefer long lipped diving plugs for this work, mainly because it's usually the lip that gets tagged or bumps bottom instead of the hooks. Stop moving, get some slack in the line, and the plug will often drift free. Whipping the rod back and forth guarantees a firm hook set on whatever's down there. So, hold off on that as a last resort. Again, run through the plastic worm routine at any spot where you nailed a fish or snagged.

All this sounds pretty primitive n the "Star Wars" age of fancy electronics. Forgive me, but one of the reasons I fish is to get away from the complications of today's world. If you happen to be into efficiency, however, or plainly love gadgets, that's okay. Get a depthfinder and boat more bass than with any of the approaches we've been talking about so far.

A flasher or digital recorder is fine for identifying structure. A graph recorder isn't likely to print fish that are usually obscured by cover, anyway. Be alert for sudden, rather than gradual, depth changes. A steep drop may indicate the edge of a reef. So may an abrupt rise. Even a rise of only a foot or so is probably a tangle of debris. Take a shot at it.

The fact is that even during the hottest, blast furnace days of summer, bass "gotta eat" and will defend their turf. The challenge for the angler is to arrange the home delivery. Once you've got the address, make regular deliveries. Good housing doesn't remain vacant. You can empty it, but other residents move right in. So, keep going back for repeat performances.

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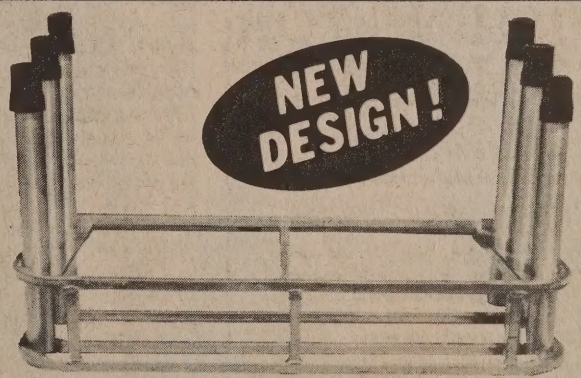

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BLOCKBUSTER BLUES

by Gerald Hahn

Tangling with Block Island's monster blues demands rugged tackle and plenty of muscle.

A physicist friend once told me that whenever a person looks in a mirror, it becomes heavier—something about particles of energy transmitted by the viewer. Though I'm not a scientist, the phenomenon didn't surprise me. In fact, I know things like this are quite common. For example, whenever my other friend—a fisherman—lands a decent bluefish, the longer he stares at it the heavier it gets.

Bragging size fish exist in many places, but around Block Island there is no need to exaggerate. The blues here are real blockbusters weighing 10 pounds and more. Indeed, they are so immense, they would overload my physicist friend's mirror.

Many of the blues at Block Island prowl at night along the various plateaus and gullies in 80 to 110 feet o of water. Party boat fishermen, having to cope with lumpy bottom and exceptionally strong currents as well, must pry the monsters out with heavy tackle. At times, they also use some unusual methods to catch these fish; but more about this later.

The 22-mile trip from Montauk to the area known as South of Block Island takes almost two hours, but it is certainly worthwhile. Perhaps only Cartwright, on Montauk's south side, is better as far as king-sized blues are concerned. But Cartwright encompasses a much smaller area than the Block Island grounds, and it is heavily fished in the day by charters and anglers in private vessels.

Elsewhere in Long Island a 40 lb. class outfit is adequate for bluefishing on a party boat, but at Block Island 50 lb. gear is standard. Indeed, people who get into this kind of fishing often use 60 lb. test and a beefed up 8 foot rod with a reel comparable to the Penn Senator.

A regular on Montauk's night boats once told me that there are four different ways to catch Block Island blues and that some nights you may have to try all of them to score. Especially is that so during a full moon tide, or when the blues are jittery for some other reason. It's hard to imagine what could spook a teen sized blue, but it does happen here.

The traditional Montauk tactic involves a chain and drail rig fished near the bottom. The rig consists of a 10 to 12 ounce in-line trolling sinker (the drail) with a 4 to 6 inch chain for a leader. The chain is attached to the football shaped sinker with an S-connector and to an 8/0 to 10/0 O'Shaughnessy hook at the bitter end. A clinch knot secures the upper eyelet of the sinker to the running line. Surely, 50 lb. test monofilament would seem substantial, yet many people resort to a leader of 80 lb. test for extra security.

Not too long ago, the bait was also substantial. A foot long mossbunker or Atlantic herring, shipped in from Canada, was put in service and it was so large, you needed an extra hook just to keep it straight. Since, then, however, the cost of bait has skyrocketed, and today the bait is much smaller. It is cut up by the mate into head sections, tail sections and chunks from the center. The head section, which extends to about the middle of the herring, is rigged between the eyes and the gill cover and then in the back. Similarly, the tail section is hooked in the dorsal side and then in the caudal peduncle, the stalk-like part just ahead of the herring's forked tail. Chunk baits, if they are not too small, are best rigged twice as well: through the skin and out near the backbone and then through the skin once more. A cut on the belly side of the chunk makes it pulsate like a butterfly and adds to its attraction.

Working a chain and drail rig is not difficult. The heavy rig is free spooled to the bottom and then brought up five revolutions of the handle. Maintaining the rig in this position keeps it from snagging on the irregular bottom. Veteran fishermen make sure the rig is in this zone and not soaring over a valley or riding an upwelling of water, by periodically releasing some line and feeling for the bottom. This way, a sudden jolt will surely be a blue and not a piece of Block Island.

Although most fishermen stick with the chain and drail rig throughout the night, experienced anglers will switch to a topwater rig whenever the fishing slows down on the bottom. This fishing tactic must be performed from the side of the boat where lines are moving out. A topwater or floating rig consists only of a flexible or single-strand wire leader of at least 12 inches in length and the same hook as before. A barrel swivel at the end of the wire is secured to the running line with a clinch knot and the rig is completed. As an alternative, some people disconnect the chain and hook from the chain and drail rig and use them for this kind of fishing. Other people, with heavier monofilament, forego metal leaders altogether and tie the hook directly to the 80 lb. test monofilament leader with a Spider Hitch, which doubles the line. A clinch sinker 1½ to 2 feet above the hook gets the bait moving faster and slightly under the surface as well. Lacking a clinch sinker one night here, I substituted a small egg sinker—the kind with a hole through the center for threading onto the running line—and found it just as effective.

Night or day, topwater fishing is the most exciting way to catch large blues. The method is similar to fishing for bonito on New Jersey party boats and for yellowtails in the Florida Keys, albeit with much heavier gear. The baited rig is flipped out and kept in free spool. At first the bait hardly seems to move, but as more line is immersed in the water it soon gets under way. One problem is knowing how much line to release. The rig should coast at least to the edge of the pool of light emitted by the boat's floods. If the line is marked at 150 or 200 feet, the rig should reach a rising blue.

When hooked near the surface, blues go wild. The fish often leaps out of the water for a breath of fresh night air, and the moonlit water suddenly explodes in chrome and silver. The fish will then either plummet to the depths or take a horizontal course. Either way, the battle is going to take some time because the fish is far away from the boat. Playing a blue on the surface is far more exiting than cranking one up from the bottom.

When neither of these rigs works, however, veteran anglers resort to unorthodox tactics. The first of these would horrify a purist, since it involves a baited diamond jig. For whatever reason, at times an 8 oz. diamond jig with a slab of herring on the hook, is more effective than a chain and drail rig. The jig is not worked in the usual manner for bluefishing, however; it is worked in the manner for catching cod in Maine. The baited lure is cast far away from the boat and is then bounced back slowly along the bottom, by raising and lowering the rod and taking in the slack. No "speed jigging" here. In

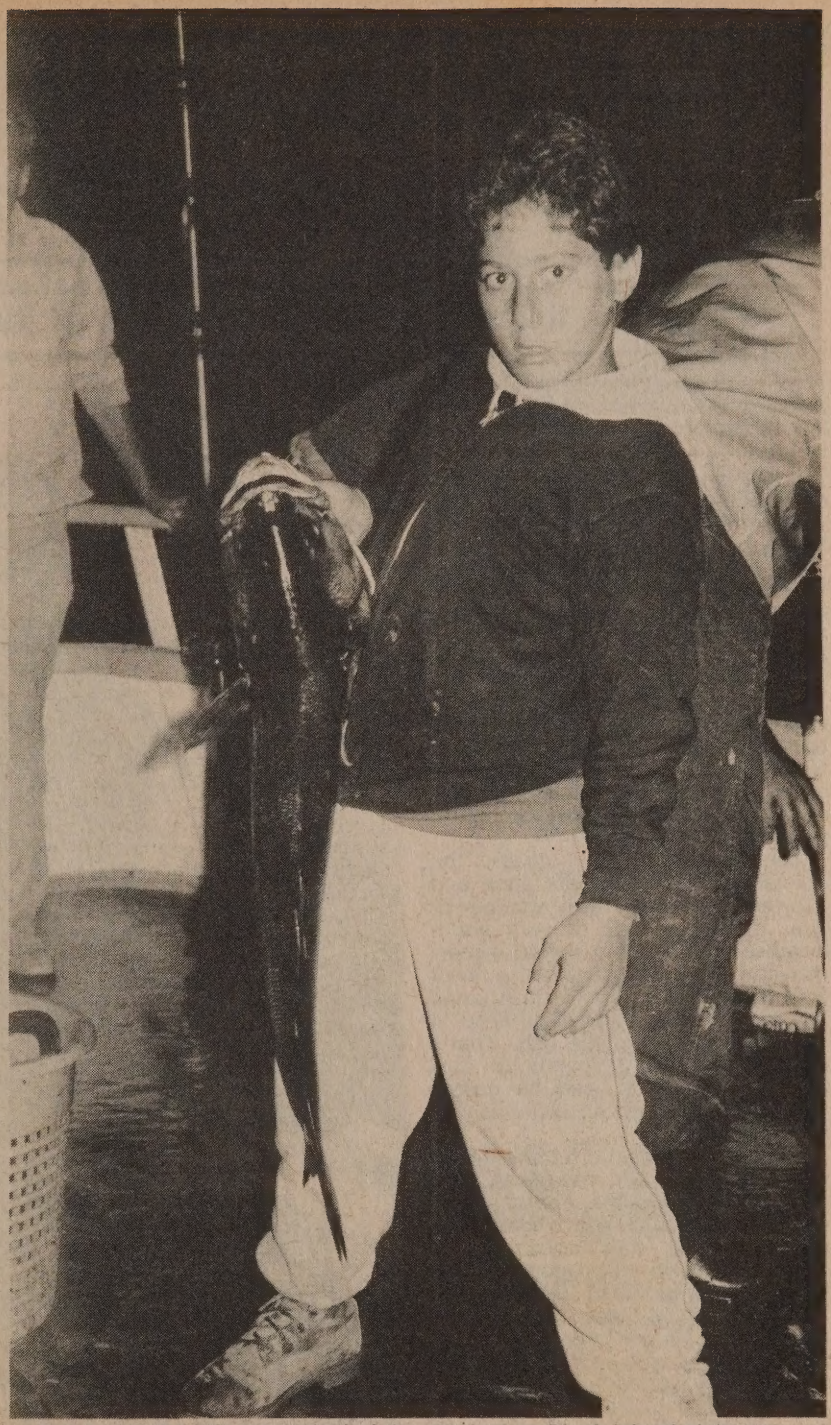
fact, a brief pause between these movements, as when fishing for flounder, adds to the attraction. Best worked from the side of the boat where lines come back, the jig is retrieved as soon as it starts heading under the boat and is then cast out again.

The fourth method is also unorthodox, but less so than using a baited diamond jig. Instead, a cod rig is employed. This rig is particularly effective in a strong running current. It consists of an end loop on the running line for a 12 ounce flat-sided sinker and a dropper loop a yard above for an 8/0 to 10/0 Beak or O'Shaughnessy hook on a short (6 to 8 inch) wire leader. The flat sinker holds bottom while the herring flutters like a flag of surrender to a monster blue.

No matter which of these methods—traditional or unorthodox—you use at night, hooking a large bluefish with bait is far more difficult than hooking one with a diamond jig. In the first place, most of the time the bait is bumping along the bottom at a leisurely pace, giving a blue plenty of time to inspect it. Indeed, one reason why beginners have such a rough time here is that they overract to every hit as though they were diamond jigging. They only succeed in separating the herring from the blue's jaws. In an attempt to get a line out quickly, they also slap the bait carelessly on the hook. Herring have large sawtooth-shaped scales and if one of these gets caught on the barb, a blue will surely be lost. Then there are those beginners who chat with their friends while the rig plummets to the bottom. By the time they engage the reel the rig is back at Montauk. Stolen bait and tangles are the rewards for not paying attention. In the same vein, many beginners refuse to budge when playing a large blue that is moving sideways. Once again, tangles occur and the fish throws the hook, sometimes taking it with him. Finally, some tyros panic at the last moment, by trying to assist the gaffer. They lift the fish partly out of the water and are perplexed when the line goes slack. After a long, strenuous battle, losing a blue this way is the most frustrating experience of all.

Oddly enough, it takes finesse to hook a large blue. Often the bite is faint. At this point, the best thing to do is nothing at all. Hold the rod still and wait for the fish to take the bait in earnest. Adjusting the drag of the reel to below the line's breaking point is also imperative; otherwise the fish will break the line—even 80 lb. test—as soon as you try to set the hook.

Still, these problems are not insurmountable. And summer fishing at Block Island is often torrid at night, better than in the day. According to one party boat skipper, blues are most active when the water temperature is between 63 and 67 degrees, and in the summer these temperatures are likely to prevail at night. Morever, blues, like weaks and bass, have no compunction about eating at night. Estimates reveal that the average bluefish eats twice its weight in a day and at Block Island, the fish often take their big meals at night. Thus summer fishing here is more consistent at night than in the day.



Slammers like this are typical of those taken on Block Island night trips.

Night fishing has other consistent attractions as well: cool ocean breezes and glorious sunsets. A real treat, however, is watching sand eels, squid and other baitfish cavort around the boat. Occasionally fishermen also see the silver streak of a huge blue giving chase to the baitfish.

At Montauk, the Viking and Marlin fleets have boats going for Block Island blues every night in the summer. The fishing generally gets under way in July and extends into the fall.

Catch a Block Island blockbuster and you won't have to beef up its size. Here eight pounders are considered runts, and many fish are teen sized. Just remember: at Block Island there is more than one way to hook a blockbuster blue.

TROLLING THE BONIES

by Russ Wilson

Light tackle trollers find great sport with this small, but feisty member of the tuna clan.

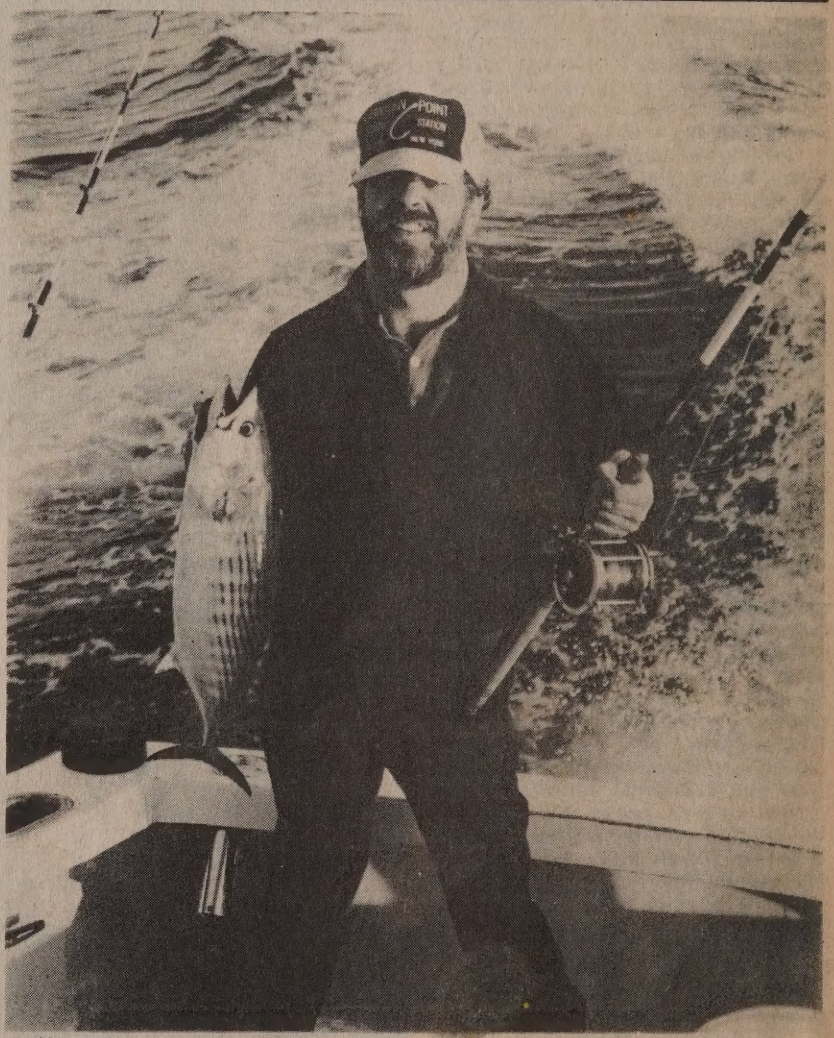
The line literally sizzled as it sliced through the water and it was all Jimmy could do to handle the fish on its initial run. In a matter of minutes, the battle was over and another Atlantic bonito joined the half dozen or so that were reposing in the fish box.

On this particular day we were trolling a scant six miles east of Spring Lake and on each successive pass over one of the lumps we would enjoy a single or double hook-up with these blistering fast speed demons. There is no doubt that bonito are pint sized fighters, as anyone who has tangled with them will attest. But, when taken on light trolling gear such as we used, the fight was doubly rewarding since it allowed the fish to put on their best show.

Bonito, **Sardi-sardi**, invade the coastal waters during late June and will remain through early October or later during periods of very warm weather. During this period fishermen can cash in on some of the finest light tackle fishing the North Atlantic has to offer, and there is no need to run offshore to find the fish. That's one of the beauty points of this fishery: you don't need an ocean-going yacht to enjoy the excitement of bonito fishing.

We've fished bonito for the better part of 20 years and have seen both good and poor seasons. Already there have been some bonito trolled from inshore waters this season, so it would seem we will enjoy another banner run of bonito in 1985. You can troll, jig or chum these fish and each method has its own special appeal. For us, trolling with light tackle is one way to enjoy the early season action and we do not miss an opportunity to get out whenever the bonies are available. As waters warm and the fish settle onto lumps, ridges and other structure, chummers will get into the game as will anglers who prefer to use diamond jigs, bucktails or other types of artificial lures. That is, however, another facet of bonito fishing that will be covered in a future article.

Trollers can find plenty of fast action when dragging a variety of lures. The Squid Spoon (size 2, 3 or 4) is very popular among experienced bonito fishermen. Other metals that produce include the Tony Accetta spoons, Spunky, Dardevle and Krocodile. We've had some tremendous bonito action when using the Clark Squid Spoons and always have several tucked away somewhere in our oversize tackle box.



Ken Moran, outdoor editor of the New York Post with a typical Atlantic bonito taken on trolling tackle. Jim Campbell photo.

Feathers are another proven offering. The two color combinations usually produce best with the green/yellow, red/white, black/white or purple/white being favorites of many. Those which have weighted heads (1/2 to 1 ounce) usually get the nod from bonito trollers who know how it's done.

Many of the newer plastic trolling lures are very good items to have when seeking bonies. We like the red/white combo, green/yellow and Black/white colors, but have also caught fish when using pink, blue, purple, green/white or plain yellow.

Bonito fall into the "opportunity fish" category. Meaning that they are often a by-product of bluefish trollers or anglers who are trolling for inshore tuna, skipjacks or false albacore. The normal tackle that is used by most tuna fishermen is far too heavy to allow bonito to put on a show and most of the bones that are taken by tuna trollers are cranked in without fanfare and tossed into the fish box amidst much cursing.

It is an unfortunate situation, for if these disgruntled anglers thought for a moment they would discover the joys of trolling bonito and could save what might be a fishless trip by concentrating their efforts toward the fish that are available rather than waiting for a tuna or skippie that might not come along to grab a trolled lure.

Bluefishermen, on the other hand, are using tackle that is suitable for taking bonito, false albacore (little Tunny) or skipjacks and when they see that more bones are being caught than blues they can quickly adjust their techniques to the predominant species. You can, of course, catch bonito or albes when trolling at bluefish speed, but for optimum results, a change of tactics is in order.

The Atlantic bonito is a fast moving fish and to be successful at trolling you must present your lures at a faster speed than you might use when seeking blues. As a general rule we increase our RPM reading by 250 to 400 RPMs above the normal 1050 we use when running lures for bluefish. On our present six cylinder outboard this means a trolling speed of approximately 1300 RPMs. We previously owned a three cylinder outboard that trolled bonito to perfection when set on 1500 RPMs and an old two-banger proved its worth when the tach showed a speed of only 1000 RPMs.

You will have to experiment to find the correct speed. This is true when trolling blues, tuna or marlin, and it also applies when you seek the albes or bonito. Most lures require a different trolling speed also. Feathers can zip along at 2000 rpms and still look reasonably natural. Ditto for the plastics and nylons, but when you are dragging spoons or tube rigs you must decrease the trolling speed if you hope to stink up the fish box.

There is no set pattern when trolling for bonito. Some days you will find every hit comes on one particular color or one type of lure. It is your clue to do some switching of lures. If the fish show a preference for green and yellow feathers or each hit comes on a #3 Clark Squid Spoon, it is to your advantage to use the productive lure on more than one outfit.

We usually troll two lines when fishing alone, three when we have one other angler along and four when there are more than two fishermen on the boat. Our new rig, which is 25 feet and has six built-in rod holders plus five spaced across the stern will allow us to troll five, six or seven lures, but for general purposes, we find the fewer lines we have out the less confusion there is when a multiple hook-up occurs.

The distance at which you troll your lures can be critical to success. We tend to give bonito a rather long drop back on two lines, about half that distance on two and if we are using a fifth outfit, it is trolled on the second wake. In terms of actual distance, this breaks down to roughly 125 feet for the two long lines, 75 to 100 feet for the inside lines and about 35 to 50 feet for the shortest line. Most of our hits usually come on the two mid-range outfits, but some days every fish that smacks the lures will be taken on the long-lines.

Light tackle means something different to every troller. A big game angler might feel 50 pound glass gear is too light for the fish he hopes to hook. By the same token, a bluefisherman who uses anything heavier than 20 pound class trolling gear is overgunned. We find the 12 pound class gear is more than adequate for bonito or false albacore and is certainly heavy enough to handle most skipjack or small bluefins we might catch when fishing the middle range waters. The occasional 50 to 75 pound bluefin might give us fits when hooked on this kind of trolling gear, but these fish are not plentiful and the bonito, false albes and skippies are, so we go with the lightweight gear and hope for the best.

We do, however, always have at least one or two 50 pound class trolling outfits on the boat whenever we are planning a trip that may take us to waters where larger bluefins or yellowfins are known to inhabit. Past experience has shown it pays to be prepared, and after losing a few decent size tuna because we did not have tackle that was capable of handling them, we've learned it is wise to have the right tackle ready for the moment it is needed.

Many of today's high speed trolling lures will quickly twist a fishing line. This not only weakens the line but it also causes the lures to work in an unnatural fashion as line twist builds up and places undue pressure on the lures (spoons in particular). You can overcome this problem by using high quality ball bearing swivels. We always rig our trolling lures wih a shock leader measuring 10 to 20 feet and instead of connecting leader to line with the usual Surgeon or Albright knot, we use improved clinch knots or offshore knots to tie in a ball bearing swivel. Line twist is virtually removed and we have seen our trolling scores improve as a result of this minor adjustment.

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Fluke and blues remain strong, while the first reports of snappers are filtering through. Weakfish are fantastic at Montauk, with very good daytime catches made by charter boats. Porgies seem to be increasing in numbers. Offshore, many anglers were frustrated in sharking efforts by hoardes of hungry ocean blues as far as 30 miles offshore. Yellowfin and albacore are within range of Shinnecock and Montauk boats. Hundreds of hammerheads were seen offshore, but had lockjaw. White marlin are in the area, however, few were caught. Cod were large and numerous at Cox's Ledge this week.

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Capt. Forsberg state that Cox's Ledge cod action is still outstanding, with averagea catches of 15 to 20 cod per angler on the **Starship.** Although there are slow periods (Saturday), in general fishing is very good. On a weekend trip, it was Ladie's Day with women catching the two largest cod on the boat. Elizabeth Schnitter of Ridgefield, N.J. bagged a 54 pound cod, while Helen Salters of N.Y. City proudly showed off a 50 pound cod. Local fluking is very productive in the rips, while night bluefish are very strong. On July 28th, the **Viking Fleet** will start its combination Cox's Ledge/Gorilla Blue Marathon trips every Sunday and Monday (After fishing cod all day, three hours is devoted to bluefish on the way home.) Take your vitamins! Block Island fluke is so good that special fluke trips have been planned from Wednesday through Saturday at 9:30 a.m. See the **Viking** ad for details.

Capt. Fred Bird reports very good porgy action on the **Flying Cloud** with Owen James high hook with 120 porgies on Thursday. A surprise catch of an 11½ pound weakfish, caught on a porgy hook was made by Dave Hartshorn of Montauk, in addition to a five gallon pail of scup. Wilber Bowers of the Bronx counted 110 medium and large porgies in his catch on the **Little Bear** on Thursday. While porgy action was very good all week long, it slowed a bit on the weekend, probably due to boat traffic.

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Entries in the **Annual Montauk Marine Basin** Shark Tournament topped out at the 70 boat limit. Winner of $5,000 in the biggest shark (except mako) division was 16 year old John Atkinson who fought a 538 pound tiger shark for 1 hour, 20 minutes fishing 35 miles southeast of the Point. Upon examination, by Jack Casey at the dock, stomach contents included a whole tuna head, some bluefish and the skull of a porpoise. Winning boat was the "Sea Doll" captained by Wally Oakland. The largest mako would have won $7,500, however, rules stipulated that only makos over 125 pounds would qualify. A mako fo 123 pounds was taken on the Sea Doll, by Charles Atkinson. The monies were awarded by lottery with seven prizes of $1,000 and one of $500 given out. The largest blue shark worth $2,500 was caught aboard Anthony's Hideaway, skippered by Skip Gula. The fish was fought by Ken Warren and weighed 279 pounds. Over 100 fish were tagged, one boat tagging as many as 23 in one day's fishing.

In other action, those going after giant tuna had a good week, with a couple of tuna over 600 pounds weighed in Sunday at the **Montauk Marine Basin** and two more (600 and 633 pounds) waiting for Tom at the scales at daybreak Monday morning. Most tuna were trolled early last week, with chunking producing at the end of the week.

Maureen at **Gone Fishing Marina** stated that the marina based boat "Fluke Hunter" went after bigger game this week. A pollock of 30 pounds and a dozen blues to 13 pounds were caught east of Block Island. Capt. Bob Storc enjoyed a good catch of porgies on the charter boat **Caprice** on Friday with Eric and Steve Evans. After catching porgies in the morning, the group caught 15 weaks, top weight 11 pounds in the afternoon on diamond jigs at Great Eastern. During the week, the "Packman" boated lots of weaks, many in the 10 to 11 pound range, also at Great Eastern. Capt. Bob Rochetta caught a giant tuna weighing over 600 pounds on the charter boat **Rainbow II.** Maureen heard of good fluking at Shagwong and Culloden during the week.

Joan, speaking for **Captain's Cove Marina** stated that weakfishing is very good at the point, with the "Marie II" and "Venture II" catching 15 to 30 weaks per tide on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, all on diamond jigs. Porgies seem to be late in starting and are behind last season. Bluefishing continues good at Cartwright and southeast of Block. Fluking was slow for most, however, the marina based boat "Friendship II" returned to the marina on Saturday with 52 fluke, to 7 pounds, caught at the North Rips. On the giant tuna scene, the fish were caught trolling

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daisy chains at the beginning of the week and bait fishing started Sunday. On Saturday, Capt. Bruce Kieffer caught a giant of 640 pounds on the **Ebb Tide,** while two more fish were brought into the marina on Sunday. Longfin albacore and yellowfin tuna were taking lures trolled south of the Point. Some white marlin were sighted, but not caught.

Capt. John DeMaio tried both inshore and offshore action on the **Vivienne** this week. He returned on Thursday with 6 yellowfin tuna in the 30 to 40 pound range. An early morning weakfish charter on Monday (July 15) with Andy, Stu and Cliff was back at the dock by 10 a.m. with 60 weakfish, a bass and a few blues.

Capt. Michael Potts connected last Monday (July 8) with a giant tuna of 601 pounds for Dennis Gaviola, one of 567 on Wednesday, 480 pound for Joe Cenovese on Friday. On Sunday, the charter aboard the **Bluefin IV,** the Loeffler's, trolled a couple of yellowfins, a 40 pound albacore along with lots of bluefish. A white marlin was raised, but was not caught.

Capt. Jack Passie caught a giant tuna of 644 pounds on Tuesday (July 9) with Kurt Wolf on the rod on the charter boat **Windy.** My tuna trip the next day was a case of "you should have been here yesterday!" Saturday's shark trip found blue shark at the Mud Hole which were released. Bluefish were the name of the game on Sunday, where two half-day charters ran into all the bluefish they wanted, approximately 50 per trip. Average weight of the fish was 10 pounds, top weight 17 pounds.

Capt. Joe McBride of the **My-Mate** reported that the previous week's furious pace in the shark scene slowed a little, since huge bluefish have moved into the offshore waters. At the present time, however, yellowfin and albacore tuna have come within reach of the fishing fleet. When the vast schools of blues move inshore, the shark picture will definitely improve. There are some available dates in August, check ad for details.

On Tuesday the Bertsch group caught four brown sharks on the **Joy-Sea.** Tuna was the order of the day for the Cantor's on Thursday, when five yellowfins in the 40 to 60 pound range were trolled. On Friday, the best day of the week, 16 yellowfins were trolled with Mike Lazof.

Ralph Wight called to tell about the catch of 17 yellowfins, largest 49 pounds, made on the charter boat **Fortuna** with Capt. Rich Wight. The fish took trolled albacore feathers imported from the West Coast. It seems that Ralph brought some lures and jigs from San Diego to New York and is finding that Atlantic fish love Pacific lures. Reaping the benefits of this action were anglers Jeff Jervis and Jon Rosenthal.

Capt. Jerry McGrath fished inshore over the weekend on the **Nostalgia II.** On Friday George and Willie Anderson fished local Montauk waters for 34 weakfish, two dozen blues, some fluke and sea bass. Saturday's trip with the O'Leary boys, Jim and Joe, produced 22 weakfish along with some bluefish and porgies. Sunday's foggy weather put a damper on the action, however, a few weaks, some to 10 pounds, along with mackerel were boated.

Capt. Bill Ricca fished with Peter Begley and his family on the **Alyssa Ann** on Saturday. The group found 23 weakfish to 9½ pounds along with fluke and bluefish.

Capt. Jay Rigano trolled green and white lures southwest of Montauk on Thursday with Eddie Manaro and his friends Frank and John. They put seven yellowfin tuna into the fish boxes of the **Lori-Jay.** On Saturday, no tuna could be found. Saturday's codfish trip to Cox's Ledge with Jim DeFalco and friends found 40 codfish, top weight 48 pounds. The trip home found "acres" of yellowfin tuna. Five were boated during a very short and impromptu tuna frenzy.

Capt. Ron Grandinetti fished with Tony Lopez at Cox's Ledge on Saturday. The pair put 26 codfish from 12 to 31 pounds into the boat. On Sunday, the **Julie III** went porgy fishing with Tyrone Lewis, returning with 506 porgies to three pounds, a dozen sea bass and a few flounder. Fishing was done at the Point.

Capt. Mike Bentivegna, Jr. trolled three yellowfins in the 40 pound range on Saturday on the **Pronto** with Michael Laurie and his friends. Sunday's try for giant tuna with Bob Browee and his friend Harry didn't pan out. Better luck next time!

Capt. Zac Grossman of the **Mako Express** reported a good week of yellowfin tuna. Shark catches this past week included a mako of 227 pounds, a thresher of 246 pounds and a tiger of 220 pounds. Lots of hammerheads were seen, but were not interested in anything offered.

The **King Wayne** enjoyed a variety of species over the weekend. On Friday, a group from Huntington Welding with Lou Gurney and his employees, started out on a shark hunt 25 miles south of Montauk. The baits were attacked by hoardes of hungry bluefish in the 12 to 14 pound range. A small blue shark managed to get through the blues to the bait at the end of the day. Saturday's trip sailed 33 mile south of the Point to avoid bluefish. Lenny Green and his friends were treated to a "Rainbow Day," brown sharks, blue sharks, a mako (142 pounds), yellowfin tuna, and "almost" a marlin. Sunday's group from the Stagecoach Fishing

Club of Huntington, arranged by Eddie Wicks fished the North Rips for fluke. The group caught 60 nice fluke, most 3 to 4 pounds with 20 sea bass.

A giant tuna of 500 pounds was caught by Bill Tyman on Wednesday on the **Adios.** The fish was brought to gaff in 15 minutes. On Thursday, three hours were needed to subdue a 530 pound tuna with Leo Kent on the rod. Friday's shark trip with Sean Ennis found no shark, thereby switching to tuna. Sixteen yellowfin tuna in the 35 pound class were trolled. On Saturday, again for sharks, a couple of blue shark and a brown shark were caught. Sunday's trip for shark, was unproductive, none could be found. Capt. Phil Lewis decided to repeat (hopefully) Friday's action with tuna, searching out all the spots they were in during the past week. Unfortunately, in this case, history did not repeat itself. That's Fishing!

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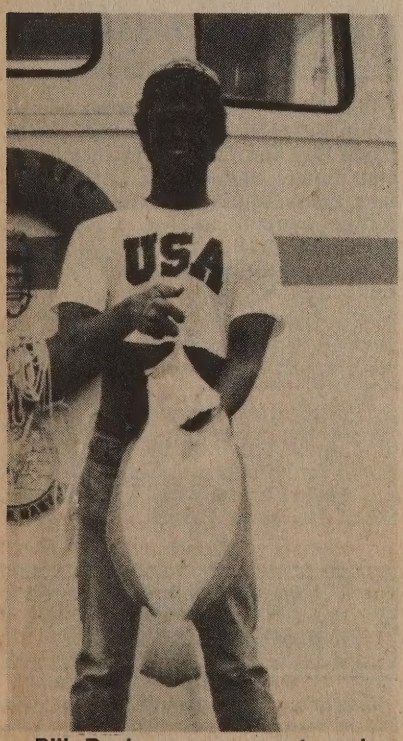
Bunny at **Harbor Marina** in **Three Mile Harbor**, states that not much has changed in the area. Porgies are still at Cedar Point, bluefish are still to be found at the Ruins and Gardiner's bay. Fluking, however, has become red hot at Napeague, where fluke to 7 pounds are taking spearing or sandeels with a strip of squid.

Capt. Artie Lach has tried Horton's Point, Montauk, and Gardiner's Island during last week's fluke trip on the **Wilhelric II**, with pretty good results. Pool fish on Monday of 7½ lbs., and also on Wednesday of 7 lbs. were both caught by women. Porgy fishing continues to be **red hot**, with most anglers catching 40-50 scup per man on Friday, some fish to three pounds in weight. Saturday's catch ranged anywhere from 20-60 porgies per angler, while Sunday, the pace slowed, probably due to boat traffic. Beginning this week, the **Wilhelric II** will fish half day trips for fluke on Thursday. First trip will leave at 7am, return at 1pm. The afternoon trip is from 2-7pm. Fare is $18. Call Capt. Lach for more information.



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Thom Speckenback commented that the persistent algae in the bays seems to be holding back fish catches. However fluking was good in Shinnecock Inlet on Friday, a little slower Saturday. Good fluke reports came into **Speck's Bait & Tackle** from anglers fishing Buoy 2 at Promised Land, or Buoy 1 at the Ruins at Gardiner's. Fluke were best on the outgoing tide apparently, with half being keepers. Porgy action was heavy, but picky at times, with best catches at Eastern Plains on the top of the tide. Blackfish and bluefish are strong at the Shinnecock jetties. Offshore, close in wrecks are holding lots of sea bass and blackfish. Bluefish can be found from the inlet as far out as you want to travel. Phil Gage used a squid for a 352 lb. mako, captured on Friday. Several brown sharks were caught as well.

Capt. Ken Malone is happy to inform his customers that the **Jenny Rose** is back in the water and sailing a full schedule. Saturday's offshore wreck trip, in beautiful weather, loaded up on sea bass, ling, blackfish, and a few sea flounder.

I joined Kevin McCloone, Jim Squires, and Ron Woodward on a test run of the new "Albemarle 27" fishing boat, berthed at **Sherry & Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** in **Southampton** on Saturday. We ran south of Shinnecock Inlet, about 30 miles offshore where all sorts of life was evident. Water temperature of 76 degrees held schools of small tuna, several small sea turtles, several dozen small hammerhead sharks from 2-6 feet in length (all swimming east and not hungry) and very large hungry bluefish.

Capt. Ben Cammarata found lots of yellowfin tuna on the **Big Ben** on a charter with Ray Atildda of the Bronx on July 6th. Fishing "Middle Grounds" out of Shinnecock Inlet eight yellowfin between 35 and 40 pounds were boated. A mako shark took a rigged balyhoo (skirted) but broke off after a 20 minute fight.

Capt. Don Van DeWater saw lots of skipjack tuna from about 160 feet out on a trip with Eric Youngblood on Thursday. Although the intention was to fish for tuna, giant bluefish some 20 lbs. in weight caused a change in

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plans and 22 gorilla blues were boated. Capt. Don reported lots of hammerhead sharks spotted in the vicinity of the Coimbra wreck. Saturday's charter with George Froelic, Postmaster in Hampton Bays, returned with the second place bluefish in the annual Rotary fishing contest. The 14½ lb. fish won a fish cooler! On Sunday, Dr. Tom Reilly, of Dublin, Ohio on a visit to his parents in Patchogue, tried a tuna trip, resulting in two yellowfin, 33 and 35 pounds. The fish were at the 515 line, took green machines.

Chris Salb at **Bayview Marine & tackle** heard of the first catch of a few small snappers this weekend at the Long Wharf Pier. He has a supply of all sorts of small tins and lots of shiners at hand for youngsters, and those young at heart, who want to try for snappers. Consistant fluke catches are reported from Gardiner's Island at the Ruins, most of the fish keepers several in the 5-7 lb. range reported. Chris also suggests fluking at Cartright Island in the channel off Napeague. Bluefish were trolled at Crow Shoals over the weekend, preferring red or white tubes. Two large weakfish, one 10, the other 11 pounds were caught at Cedar Point and South Ferry.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

While Moriches Bay fluking appeared to slip some this past week, Great South Bay and Fire Island Inlet boatmen finally enjoyed an upswing in their fluke results. Apparently a new body of summer flatties, a good percentage in the 2 to 4 lb. range settled in along South Beach and in the inlet along the Oak Beach shore late last week. Friday and Sunday saw a number of good catches made with Sunday's action off a bit due to strong southwest winds.

Bluefish remain solid on the Patchogue Grounds and yellowfin tuna again provided the bulk of the action for offshore trollers. Scene of this week's action was 15 or so miles NE of the Texas Tower.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Captain Ron Schlueter of the Moriches based **Alma Fleet** said fluke fishing slowed this week but still, most fares managed anywhere from 3 to 12 keepers for their efforts. Skipper reminded he is now running evening

fike trips. See his ad for more dtails.

Over at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in Bst Moriches, Gary Grunseich also nted that fluking was off some this veek. He laid the blame on most of he flood tide falling too early in the norning—before most anglers were ut on the water. One pair of rental ustomers who got an early start on aturday returned with 22 nice fluke. red and Tony Beuth also had a nice hess of small blues to go along with heir fluke catch. The pair were back t the dock by 9AM. Gary added that lounder fishing remains worthwhile n Moriches Bay. Best spots continue to be the deep water south of buoys 30 and 33.

The ocean south of Moriches was apparently alive with sharks on Saturday. Butch Arsenault ran his Susan B to 180 ft. of water SE of the inlet. With him were Jerry Guldenpheling, Bob Samuel and Dick Fry. Out of 6 makos hooked during the day, only 2, of 188 and 100 lbs. were boated. The group also dropped an estimated 350 lb. tiger. Two brown sharks were released and numerous hammerheads were reported in the slick.

Aboard Al Rodriges Pices on Saturday, Al Jr., Frank Constable and George Rogers teamed to take a 105 lb. mako 21 miles SE of Moriches in 165 ft. of water. They also boated an 85 lb. blue shark which carried a tag in its back.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue, Paul Graniello confirmed a slowdown in Moriches fluking and at the same time spoke of improved reports coming from the Fire Island area on the weekend. Best bet for bluefish remains the Patchogue Grounds where fish are being taken on trolled umbrellas or on diamond jigs. Small blues have been inside both Moriches and FI Inlets but many are only 1 or 2 lbs. class fish. Offshore the blues range from 5 to 15 lbs. Crabbing has slowed but remains worthwhile and small snappers are in all of the local creeks.

Al Colban of **J&R Sports Center** in Oakdale reported decent fluking over the weekend at South beach and at the inlet. Several customers reported doing a nice job on the flatties on Friday and Saturday. Good bluefishing being found south of Patchogue in 80 ti 90 ft. of water. Fish are there day and night. Plenty of blue claw crabs being taken locally from the Connetquot River in Oakdale and also in Sayville.

Peppy's Bait and Tackle in East Islip Lisa Cioffi reports some flounder still being taken in the Sore Thumb pocket. Fluke fishing, while poor during the week did show signs of life on Saturday with some good sized fish

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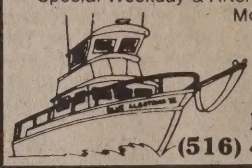

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moving int the area east and west of the RM Bridge. There are plenty of blues outside the inlet for jiggers and trollers with most of the activity centered around the Patchogue Grounds. One customer weighed an 8 lb. weakfish taken while fluking near the bridge last Thursday. Some nice crabs around local docks and snappers, while small are there as well.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in Bay Shore reported a catch of 21 fluke between 2 and 4 lbs. for sharpie Dennis Miccio on Saturday. Dennis fished the Oak Beach area. On Friday Don Sharoda put 20 nice keepers into the box fishing west of the CG station. Carl felt that sand eels were working best on this newly arrived body of flatfish. He added that a little too much wind on Sunday seemed to hurt the fishing. Some big weakfish between 10 and 14 lbs. being taken on live snappers and jelly worms near the WR buoy. Bluefishing holding up very well at the Patchogue Grounds. Offshore, there was good action with yellowfin tuna 8 to 10 miles NE of the Texas Tower. Many of the fish ranged from 25 to 35 lbs. but another school of 75 to 125 lb. class fish were mixed with the smaller tuna. One customer told of dropping a pair of white marlin while trolling south of the Virginia. The same boat reported a couple of reels stripped by 300 lb. tuna found cavorting on the surface. The private boat Osprey diamond jigged 14 yellowfin tuna in th 30 to 35 lb. class on Thursday fishing near the middle of the compass rose. Carl asked that we remind customers that he has set up a 35 man tuna trip aboard the Montauk based **Viking Starlight** for September 19th. Interested parties must sign up by the end of the month and can do so by stopping or calling Carl at the shop.

Captain Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** based open boat **Casey Lee** was enthused about the new run of bigger fluke taking place near the lighthouse along South Beach. He had good fishing on both Saturday and Sunday's PM trips and reported 20 keepers to 4 lbs. for Dan Bosmann who fished both evening trips on the weekend. The skipper was optimistic for this week's AM trip as the flood tide works its way through the morning hours.

Over at Captree, Capt. Carl Passaro called the bluefishing excellent with very good fishing the rule offshore at Patchogue as well as inshore near the inlet. Saturday night's trip to Patchogue was super and there has been goo action with smaller blues, most 1 to 3 lbs. near the inlet area. Fluking improved on the weekend with a definite movement of fish back into the bay.

Captain Andy Buglione noted a good showing of 2 to 4 lb. fluke on the flood tide along South Beach this weekend. Fishing aboard his **Cap'n Andy** on Saturday was a party headed by Joe Nocerno. On Sunday members of the Happy Hookers Fishing Club did a fair job on the newly arrived fluke on Sunday. A good number of the fish are in the 2 to 4 ljb. range and are being taken along South Beach with best action on incoming water.

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Andy reported that his dad Nick Buglione put away a pair of makos on the weekend. Big Ed Kennedy put away a 95 lber. on Sunday, while Saturday saw an 85 lber. brought aboard. Nick runs the Shotgun.

A marked improvement in the fluking with the weekend action the best in sometime, according to Capt. Gordon Roman of the Captree open boat **Captree Queen II.** Last of the flood and first of the outgoing produced best, with fishing being done from the WR buoy to the inlet. The larger fish seemed to be settled between the bridge and the lighthouse. Sunday's AM trip saw a half dozen fluke in the 3 lb. class come aboard. Bluefishing continues to be excellent on the Patchogue Grounds. Many of the fish are 4 to 8 lbs. but quite a few 10 to 15 lb. slammers are mixed in as well.

Captain Ed Lasky of the Captree charter boat **Dixie** added his vote to the improving fluke scene. Ed has been working the lighthouse, CG station and at the inlet with pool fish each day falling between 3 and 4 lbs. Paul Delortho had a 5½ lbs. weak grab a fluke bait on Sunday.

Captain Charlie Kennedy of the Captree open boat **Capt. Joseph II** reported a nice showing of bigger fluke from the CG Station to the lighthouse in recent days. Flood tide is best but fish were also picked through the ebb. Best of the week was a 5¼ lber. for Silvio DeRenaldi of Sayville. Bluefishing has been supe at Patchogue most nights. Even with the fishing off on Friday fares still managed over 250 fish from 6 to 12 lbs. On Saturday night's trip Jason Carter had a 15½ lb. pool winner among his catch of 2 doz. choppers. John Smith put away 29 blues.

Captain Fred Laier of the Captree charter boat **Eagle** put 4 yellowfin tuna up to 85 lbs. on the dock Saturday for a party headed by Larry Hertzt of Round Ridge, NY. On Sunday he took a mako and a tiger shark each of 130 lbs. for Doug Growler of Brentwood. He added that tuna were caught a little north of the Texas Towe while the shark fishing was done near the Virginia.

Captain Joe DiLiberto of the Captree charter boat **Prime Time** also reported improved fluking particularly along South Beach. On Sunday, Maria Giambrone, on her first fishing trip decked a 5¼ lb. fluke. The fluke picture had changed dramatically with better numbers and size including a good showing 2 to 3 lb. fish and an occasional 5 lber mixing in.

Captain George Tweedy of the Captree based **Captain Scotty 3** reported very good bluefishing all week long. Sunday provided the first difficult fishing due to strong southwest winds. On Saturday, over 1500 blues were brought aboard. All the fishing is being done on the Patchogue grounds and fishing has been very consistent both day and night. The boat bluefish derby pool is now in excess of $750.

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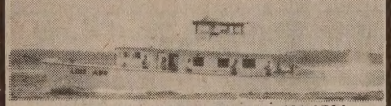

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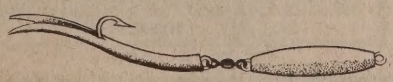

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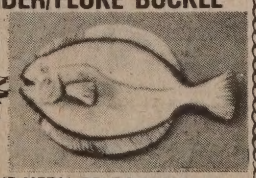

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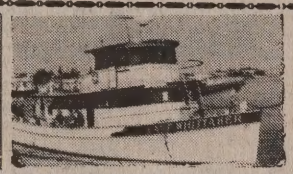

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James Baldwin hefts the 12 lb. weak he beached inside Fire Island Inlet on a strip of squid. Subscriber photo.

From **The Store** in Oak Beach, Jim O'Neil reported a few flounder being taken near the Oak Beach jetties. A few fluke on the inlet side as well for shore casters. Cocktail blues are being jigged and trolled in the inlet areas and some crabs are already being taken in the vicinity of the Sore Thumb.

Captain Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** reported slow fluking all week long with a decided turn for the better on the weekend. The flood tide and the first of the ebb provided good action with many of the fish in the 2-4 lb. range. Fishing was done between the CG station.

From **Augie's Tackle Shop** in Babylon Tom Healy reported a noted improvement in size and number of fluke caught over the weekend. Killie and squid combos seem to be favored by many boatmen. On Sat. young Jim Bologa caught 8 fluke to 3 lbs. at the inlet aboard the My Hooker. Patchogue Grounds continues to hold its own for bluefish. On Wednesday Capt. Fred Corbett6 of the BCA charter boat Water Witch found good action with medium size blues off of Patchogue. He finished the day with a nice mess of fluke taken just outside of the inlet. Flounder fishing at the Thumb slowed over the weekend but there's some good crabbing along with snappers at the Babylon Village Dock. Good action with yellowfin tuna from 30 to 50 lbs. and 80 to 100 plus lbs. NNE of the Texas Tower on Friday and Saturday. Both the blue water and Miss Philly shared in the action. Phil Fraccalvieri of the Babylon Tuna Club boat Happy Hooker ran 60 miles SE of FI inlet to find the largest shark in the Surf Side 3 SHark Contest on Saturday. The

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	9:00	9:05	9:40	10:00	9:40	9:40	10:30	10:30	—	12:20	—	12:20	8:50	9:10	7/18
FRI.	9:40	9:50	10:25	10:45	10:25	10:25	11:10	11:20	12:20	1:00	12:35	1:05	9:35	9:55	7/19
SAT.	10:25	10:35	11:10	11:30	11:10	11:10	11:55	—	1:05	1:40	1:15	1:45	10:20	10:35	7/20
SUN.	11:15	11:25	11:55	—	—	12:00	12:05	12:45	1:50	2:25	2:00	2:35	11:10	11:25	7/21
MON.	—	12:05	12:15	12:45	12:05	12:45	12:55	1:35	2:40	3:10	2:50	3:20	11:55	—	7/22
TUES.	12:15	1:00	1:00	1:35	12:55	1:35	1:50	2:30	3:30	4:05	3:40	4:10	12:20	12:50	7/23
WED.	1:10	1:50	1:55	2:35	1:45	2:30	2:50	3:25	4:30	5:00	4:40	5:05	1:10	1:50	7/24
THURS.	2:05	2:50	2:50	3:35	2:40	3:25	3:50	4:30	5:30	6:00	5:40	6:05	2:10	2:50	7/25

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/18	5:39	8:33
FRI. 7/19	5:40	8:32
SAT. 7/20	5:41	8:31
SUN. 7/21	5:42	8:30
MON. 7/22	5:43	8:29
TUE. 7/23	5:44	8:28
WED. 7/24	5:45	8:27

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/18	4:55AM	9:25PM
FRI. 7/19	6:06AM	10:00PM
SAT. 7/20	7:18AM	10:30PM
SUN. 7/21	8:30AM	10:56PM
MON. 7/22	9:42AM	11:20PM
TUE. 7/23	10:54AM	11:45PM
WED. 7/24	12:07AM	—

Moon Phases

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7/17	7/24	7/2	7/10

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	5:55	—	6:20	**12:10**
Fri.	6:55	**12:40**	7:35	**1:10**
Sat.	8:00	**1:40**	8:20	**2:05**
Sun.	8:45	**2:35**	9:15	**3:00**
Mon.	9:40	**3:30**	10:05	**3:50**
Tues.	10:30	**4:20**	11:00	**4:45**
Wed.	11:25	**5:15**	11:55	**5:40**
Thurs.	—	**6:00**	12:10	**6:25**

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winner was a 690 lb. tiger shark—more on this later.

Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** reported that Bill Piazza and Pete Mancini teamed to take weaks of 7¾ and 9¾ lbs. along with a 15 lb. striper on live bunker in the inlet Thursday evening. Patchogue grounds bluefish action remains good. On Saturday, Marty Finklestein and crew put away 27 blues from 9 to 18 lbs. on trolled umbrella rigs. Saturday niight Mark Sheshedian and the Ciriello family combined to take 47 blues between 8 and 18 lbs. on chum and butterish. Also on Sat. Joe Uss christened his new boat Cricket II by jigging 54 blues from 8-14 lbs. on the Patchogue grounds. The crew aboard the private boat Mr. C ran to 175 ft. of water SE of the inlet on Saturday to score with a 155 lb. mako. Joe Lemaire put a 115 lbs. mako aboard Tom Boniberger's Sweet Satisfaction, again on Saturday. They fished 190 ft. of water and dropped another larger mako. Mike called the crabbing at Wellwood dock and Tanner park super.

Not far away, Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle** in Copiague reported that Jim Scarolla kept 2 of 14 bass he took on bucktails in the State Channel Wednesday night. All ranged between 7 and 10 lbs. On Saturday, Glenn Rankin racked up a score of 7 weaks from 8 to 13 lbs. The fish were taken on 8 inch Mister Twister tails in red along South Beach. On Thursday, Pat Reagan and friends jigged up a mess of big blues south of Patchogue on Ava 27s. Most were between 14 and 16 lbs. On Saturday, Steve Balmer used a Z Crab custom rod to whip a 675 lb. tiger shark aboard Charlie's Big Deal. The fish, w hich was taken in 220 ft. of water SE of the inlet reached port too late to qualify for the Surf Side 3 Tourney. Improved fluking on the weekend along south Beach and to the inlet with bigger fish prevailing. Very good crabbing locally.

Bob Vitale of **Bobs Bait and Tackle** in Amity Harbor reminded the Babylon Captains Assoc. will sponsor a fluke clinic on July 27 at 3PM on the Babylon village dock,. Bob told of weighing weaks of 11 and 14 lbs. for Buzzy Boselli on Thursday. They were taken on live bunker at Sloop channel. Joe Bracco chummed a mess of blues to 12 lbs. in 85 ft. of water SE of Fire Island on Saturday. Dave Pincus and friends used jigs to put away a box of blues in the same area. Also on Sat. George Fuchs and crew used bucktails to take 8 keeper fluek to 4½ lbs. from Fire Island inlet. On Tue. Fred Walters took 11 keepers on Sand eels and added nearly 50 1 to 2 lb. blues on 007s. He fished the inlet area.

From **Edelman's** in Farmingdale Frank Pristera reported that Ray Doucher and his 4 yr old son Dan put away 11 fluke from 2-3 lbs. near the CG station on Saturday. Some very good crabbing going on at the Lindenhurst Dock while boatmen do well at night off of Bergen Point. Frank relayed word of the Surf Side 3 Shark Tourney results. As already mentioned, 1st place tiger shark went to Happy Hooker for a 690 lber. The Night Owl nailed down 2nd with a 490 lb. tiger. In the brown shark division, a 1st place went to Susie Amy Too for a 160 lber., while the high hook took a 130 lber. As for blue sharks, a 170 lber. taken aboard the Hunky was the only eligible (125 lb. minimum weight) entry. Lucky Lady took 1st in the mako div. wiht a 232 lber., while Born To Be Wild settled for 2nd place with a 224 lber. A couple of other noteworthy shark catches were made by a pair of young ladies over the weekend. Fishing aboard the Small Fry on Saturday, Karen Kamerer put away a 290 lb. tiger shark while Gina Gosman whipped a 134 lb. mako.

A couple of other youngsters broke into the offshore ranks on the weekend fishing north of the Texas

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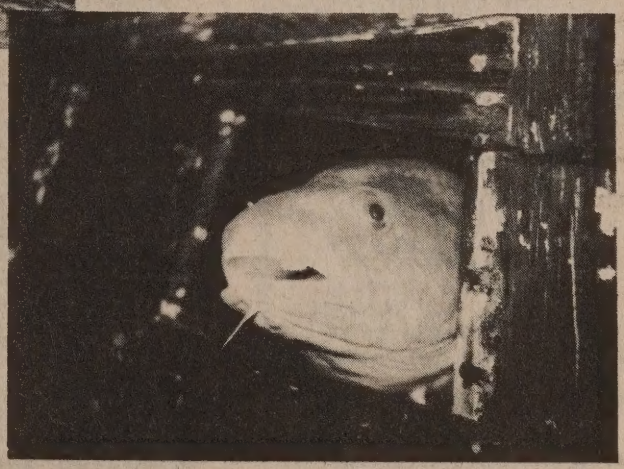

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West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Bluefishing has been spectacular and consistent on virtually all day and night trips sailed by the open boat fleet while private boatmen are getting good catches jigging and trolling. Fluking continued in the doldrums to a large extent with occasional fair catches but inside, flounder were the big item and are being caught in big numbers and very nice sizes. BCCs have begun and small snappers are starting to be caught along with sand porgies and small blackfish.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

Out of Seaford, Capt. Brian's **Chinco III** had slow fluking all week with seven being high hook for the week on a full day trip. On Sunday, 8 yr. old Gina DeStefano bagged a 7 lb. 4 oz. fluke. Please note the skipper is switching over to flounder as you read this report since the flounder action has been the best locally.

A call from **Marina Del Mar** told of catches Friday through Sunday: a 131 lb. mako aboard the 3 Sea Sons. Vinnie Batista with a 5 lb. fluke at the 3rd Wantagh. John Flynn with a 4½ lb. fluke taken in Jones Inlet. Mike Leach who umbrellaed 35 blues in 30 ft. of water outside Jones Inlet. Ed Tamtci with a 9 lb. weak taken at the R2 buoy on a trolled Rebel. An improvement seen in the fluking from Jones to the 3rd Wantagh.

From **Wanser's Tackle** in Seaford Marie told of fair fluking from the 2nd Wantagh through Meadowbrook Bridge with some at Massapequa Cove on squid and killies. Floundering at Short Beach CG has been a solid item said Marie.

Mike at **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh described the fluking this week as very slow with 1 to 4 keeper fluke per boat being a good catch. Incoming water with spearing produced best. Great Island channel was hottest this week. Fluke were taken to 3 lbs. Very good floundering at the Jones Beach piers on the high change with good catches from 8 to 30 fish a man on bloods and sands. A good scattering of 1 to 3 lb. blues throughout State

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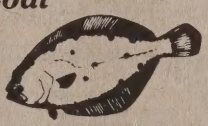

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Channel on fluke bait and small tin. Snappers still very small. BCCs by the ton on the flats but none on the local docks. Paul had an 11½ lb. striper on clam chum at the 3rd Wantagh. Offshore blues have been fair to good with fish 3 to 8 lbs. at 3 Sisters with diamond jigs working best. YFTs during the week have been very good in the 25 to 90 lb. range on Cedar plugs, red and white feathers and any green trolled lures with best action NNW of the Texas Tower and west of the Virginia. Bob J bagged a 168 lb. mako Wednesday and had an estimated 300 lber. jump right near the boat.

Out of Merrick, Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** told of Richie Koch on his boat Libra taking 3 bigeye tuna from 200 to 230 lbs. on plastic at Hudson Canyon on the weekend. He also boated a 278 lb. blue shark and a 90 lb. mako.

From **Garron's Tackle** we hear that the best bottom fishing locally has been flounder in the Swift Creek, Meadowbroook, Short Beach triangle. Sharking has been very strong offshore said Randy who himself had 5 shark in his last 2 trips out.

Over in Freeport. Capt. Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** called the night bluefishing super fishing around the 3 Sisters area just an hour and 15 mins. from the dock. Saturday night was extremely good with a regular husband and wife team Ed and Grace Nunzio dragging 3 full sacks of blues. Catch of 30 to 40 blues a man have been common and fares have been leaving fish behind. The day fluke trips have been spotty with days varying, some days better than others. All action found has been at the inlet and the back bays.

We hear from the **Captain Andy II** of the excellent floundering with fish 3/4 to 2 lbs. and a few throwbacks, all local. Short Beach has been hot said the skipper. The boat is beginning night bluefishing. See ad for details.

A call from Capt. Al Balla of the charter boat **Nicky B** told of Saturday's shark trip for Bill Smith, SE of the Virginia, tagging and releasing 2 tigers estimated at 300 and 500 lbs. and Sunday's shark trip for Ken Faith fishing the Virginia taking 3 duskies to 300 (est), all fish released. Al said that the area west of the Texas Tower has exploded with yellofin and bigeye tuna and some white marlin. He also heard of a blue marlin being fought at the canyon, but nothing verified.

From the **Bluefin Fleet** we learn that the bluefishng has been excellent on all their tris this week with catches of 250 to 300 fish per trip with high hooks in the 20s. Stanley of Hanover Bank hoisted 26 in 1½ hours. Pool blue of the week went to John Scewszyk with a 13 lber. Dennis Loggie and Ron DaDea both had 10 lbers. while Steve Schwartz counted 17 in his catch. All action has been SW of Jones, jigs days bait nights. Flounder action has been very good on the weekend with Frank Coleolla high hook with 17 fat flatties. Pool fluke of the week was a 3 lber. for Flushing angler George Brady.

A message from the charter boat **Nan Sea** told of Saturday's trip for Lois Weixler with a small mako and 15 blues running 8 to 15 lbs. A trip for Darryl Paskowaski and friends from the UN trolled several yellowfin tuna 30 to 40 lbs. in 190 ft. of water SW of Jones. A trip for Jim Fehey of Ct., ended up with 2 brown sharks in the 130 lb. class, both fish released.

Word from the **Starstream II** is of "fantabulous blues." Richie called the bluefishing consistent and very good on both day and night trips with fish 3 to 9 lbs. and occasional lunkers. High hooks of 50 fish have been common on the day trips with the days now seeming to be even better than the nights. Three white marlin came into the slick Friday night with a 60 lber. taken and has since paid a visit to the smokehouse.

Super catches of flounder this week reported the **Captain Lou** Fleet with high hooks in the 50s. On Wednesday Howie Daderian had 42, Baldwin angler Ed Frank 33, and Barry Wolder of Mineola 32. Friday as a super day also said Mike with high hooks in the 50s on the PM trip. George Mason of Far Rockaway had 44. Please note the **CL III** is now also fishing its full day morning trip for flounder in addition to its 4:30 PM flounder trip. The **CL V** with Capt. Doug doing the honors continues to pick away at fluke up to 4 lbs.

From the charter boat **Captain Gary** we learn of Wednesday's trip for the Eileen Davis party with good floundering, Eileen taking the pool with a 2½ lber. and also high hook with 31. Friday's trip for a senior citizen's group saw several fluke caught in Reynolds and Jones. Saturday's fluke trip had fair results for Green Art Plumbing Supply Co., with Jack Cohen taking the pool with a 3½ lber. Sue Carmen was pool runner up and high hook. Michael Siminski, age 6, caught his 2 first fluke ever and on Sunday's trip for the Jim Formont group, Ed McLaughlin took the pool with a 3 lb. fluke while Joe McLaughlin Jr was high hook with 8 keepers.

From the **Freeport Boatmens Association** we learn of great bluefishing in the area of 3 Sisters, Cholera and Angler banks. Fish 5 to 15 lbs. being trolled, jigged or baited with night trips super. The **Super Spray II** has been loading up on blues on their night trips. A few fluke are being caught of nice size mostly in Jones Inlet but there's no quantity right now. Between the NOAA buoy and he Texas Tower a 223 bigeye and lots of yellowfin tuna were caught this weekend. Lots of life out there said Bob and it looks like a strong offshore season.

We hear from the charter boat **Lady J III** that fluking has been a pick this week with some fish being caught everyday however. Of the fish that were caught none have been under 2½ lbs. Monday'S fluking was for the Ed Sasaki group of Carle Place. Tuesday's was for Action Council Headstart of Wantagh. Tuesday night's bluefish trip was for the Dan Vota Ambulance group having very good bluefishing in 80 ft. of water south of Jones with fish 2 to 3 lbs. on bait. Wednesday it was fluke again for the First American Title Insurance Co and fluke again Thursday for the Tom Shevlin group. It was blues Friday 20 miles south of Jones for bigger fish for A. Best Construction, Woodside with fish to 19 lbs. on jigs. It was fluke again Saturday for the Bill

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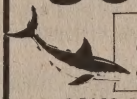

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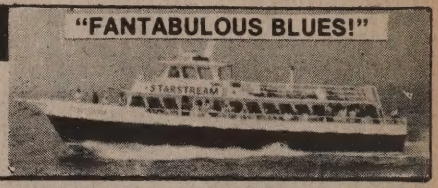

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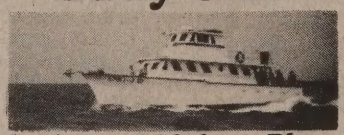

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From Capt. Dennis of the charter boat **Corsair** we learn of Sat. trip for European American Bank picking away at fluke in Jones and Reynolds on squid and sand eels while on Sunday for the Seeman's Furniture, Carl Place group it was good blues to 11 lbs. in the 3 Sisters area on jigs.

Captain Arnold of the charter boat **Retreat** called to let know he's officially opened up his mako hotel for the year with three makos taken on his last 3 trips, from 85 to 150 lbs.

From **Hudson Point Fishing Station**, Ronnie Bauer tells of lots of big eye tuna activity. Steve Aschinoff on his boat Paradise hooked and landed a 223 bigeye and 9 yft fishing the Virginia area with feathers and multiple rigs. Carl Cerritu, Freeport had a 13 lb. weakfish on live bunker Friday during the day at the Meadowbrook Bridge. Monti Greenberg of East Hills on his boat Lady Vicky had a 124 l. brown fishing east of the Virginia. First timer Mark Harris had his first mako, a 140 lber. in the SW corner of the compass rose on the boat Cooky Too. Fluking has been fair, best in the back. Flounder has been very good and a lot of 1/4 lb. sand porgies and small blackfish are now being seen. Blues and weaks are mixed in 40 to 60 ft. of water on jigs while many makos, a lot in the 100 lb. class are being caught. A 525 lb. tiger shark was caught aboard the charter boat Misty, while from the Virginia to the canyon yfts, bfts, marlin and an occasional large tuna are blitzing baits.

Moving on to Pt. Lookout word from the **Captain Bill** is that he is switching to flounder since these flatties are so cooperative and big. Glenda and Ed Nord along with Ralph Iello had 42 Saturday and 42 Sunday. Roosevelt Rogers on Sunday had 49 on the AM and 46 on the PM trip. Dennis Weyman of Farmingdale had 35 Sunday. All fishing is local on clam and wrom with fish 3/4 to 2 lbs., different tides working best on different days.

Aboard the charter boat **Marie III** Tuesdays trip for Solomon Bros had excellent bluefishing SE of Jones Inlet, fish 2 to 4 lbs. in the PM on jigs and later on in the afternoon fishing running 8 to 12 lbs. On Wednesday Topside Bar and Grill of NJ had 4 to 10 lb. class blues South of the Sisters. Friday night it was to the sisters again for super blues 4 to 8 lbs. on bait with catches running 15 to 30 a man. It was flounder in the bay Saturday for the John Hagerstorm group. Catches were excellent on 1 to 1½ lb. fish with a 2 lber. copping the pool. Catches here ranged from 14 to 29 a man. Sunday's trip was for ladies Merrick Rod and Gun Club. Loraine Peterson took the pool with a 3 lb. 1 oz. flounder. High hook was 23 . Hilda

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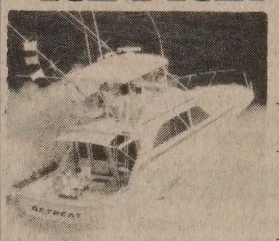

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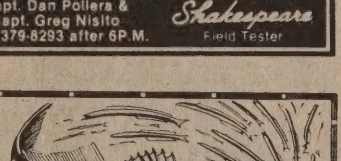

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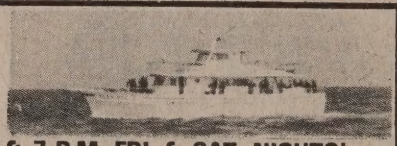

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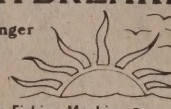

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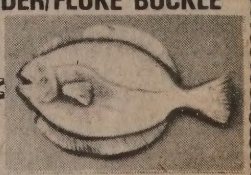

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Augstine had 21. Best areas for flounder were Short Beach CG, Swift Creek and Big M on worm and clam and a lot of chum.

Aboard the **Captain Al** this week it was constant and consistent wall to wall bluefishing with excellent catches day and night, as it has been for the last 3 weeks, said the skippe. The fish at Cholera are bigger now fish 6 to 8, some 10 to 12. High hooks every trip has been in the 60s. Short ride—full bags.

Call from **Ed's Fishing Station** tells of slow fluking over the weekend in general although sharpshooter Ed Puzio put away 33 keeper fluke out of 100 fish caught on Tuesday fishing the flats and Reynolds buoys 17-20. Flounder action has been very good at the CG station with fish averaging 1 lb. 7 year old Jennifer Wenzell and dad had 26 to 2 lbs. Jr and crew had 30 on Saturday and 60 on Sunday. High flounder of the week was Ed Burke and Charlie Catalano with 70 taken at the CG station on sand and blood worms. The fish are obviously hungry. Joe Hemp had 20 snappers of the 6 inch variety off the Pt. Lookout pier. Ed Sutter, a long time fixture at the station has just passed away, Eileen informs us. Ed was a great friend to the station's many customers.

On the **Miss Point Lookout** this week, Ron said the best fluking has been in Garretts Lead and Jones Inlet. Paul Goudis nailed 6 keepers and a 2¾ lb. pool fish on Sunday. On Saturday 12 yr. old Joey B had 3 keepers along with a 2¾ lb. pool winner. Keepers are running 2 to 8 per man with some days better than others. Both changes of tide have been best.The night bluefishing has been a leap job every nigh. Tuesdy saw Lee Kramer with 59, Monday night saw Hani with 45 and John Armce with 40. Thursday night 9 year old James Schwantzer had 19 plus a 12 lb. pool winner. Saturday night over 700 blues were caught with Joe Cipos and 2 palshoisdting nearlky 100 fish. Regular Fred had 30. These fish all ran 7 to 9 lb. and action just 1 to 1½ hrs from the inlet.

From **Scotty's Fishing Station** the news concerns the excellent flounder catches mostly at Meadowbrook, Short Beach and Swift Creek and at buoys 17 and 19. There have been some good fluke catches as well between Loop Bridge and the Long Beach high school. Tom said at least a dozen 4 lber. have been weighed in during the week.

From **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook Charlie says the best fluking his week has been at the mouth of Woodmere Creek where it joins Macys channel. The secret there has been anchoring up and chumming with bunker chunk. In fact, this may be the overall secret weapon for fluking right now. Snappers have seen an improvemnt with largere specimens at the Lilco plant. Plenty of blues at Cholera day and night and also being trolled in 35 feet of water

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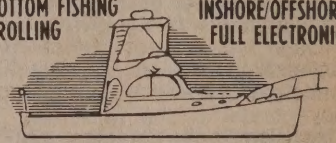

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From **Long Beach Boat Rentals** comes word of fair fluking with the best being buoy 7 and between buoys 3 and 5 with 1/3 keeper ratio. Killie and smelts have been working best. Ken Cataldo and Eric Gearhart of Lynbrook managed 14 keepers to 3 lbs. Sunday at buoy 5. Bunkers throughout Reynolds with blues up to 15 lbs. under them. Cocktail blues mixed in with the fluke on fluke bait. Some weaks and cow bass at the ABB on bunker and bccs starting good in the back.

From Dave at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** in Atlantic Beach we learn of very productive bluefishing at buoy 4 on trolled umbrellas in 30 ft. of water, fish 2 to 5 lbs. Fluke on the outside to 4 lbs. and at the Cedarhurst Yacht Club at the mouth of Crooked Creek.

NEW YORK BIGHT

From **Skippy's** in East Rockaway we hear of very slow fluking this weekk but lot of flounder at the Meadowbrook. Very good sharking in close at buoy 4 and at the compass rose with 2 makos weighed in this week at the store. Lots of bccs behind the store at the town dock and at Bay Park.

On Jamaica Bay, **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** tells of Teresa Palaino with a 15¾ lb. blue on live bunker and outgoing tide taken at the Marine Parkway bridge. John Palanio almost equalled that with 14 lb. blue on pencil popper. Andy Galeno, age 9, bagged a 4½ lb. fluke on killie and squid on the flood at Floyd Bennett while Calr Renneck had weakfish 10 and 11 lb.s on live bunker in the channel at Floyd Bennett. Porgies off the bridges getting bigger very good bluefish days and nights off the bridges on chunks while the same bait is getting bass and weaks from dusk to dawn. A 15½ lb. weak on live bunker off Beach channel HS for Thornton Booker.

To the west in Sheepshead Bay Neil at **Stella Maris Tackle** just east of the fleet tells of very good fluking at Sandy Hook, Nortons Point, Gravesend Bay and the Tin Can. Big weaks at the tin can and Jamaica Bay on worms, bunker and Nordic eels. Plenty of blues day and night, consistent on the Jersey side. Sand porgies and small snappers starting in the bay.

Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** reports his fares have been having very good fluke action in the bays, with Sandy Hook a standout. Saturday was good but Sunday slowed a bit with heavy boat traffic. Fish have been mostly keepers from 14 inches to 3½ lbs. to the tune of 18 to 35 keepers a man most days.

Captain Walt of the **Flamingo III** reports his boat has been having very good bluefish catches on both day and night trips and in fact, he called it excellent everyday on 2 to 5 lb. class fish. Saturday fish ran 6 to 8 lbs. It's jigging days and baiting nights.

Loads of blues on all trips for our fares said Capt. Al Coley of the **Betty W. III.**

North Shore REPORT
with Marty Garrell

Fishing reports remained basically the same as the past two week with the exception of weakfish which disappeared from most. An upswing of porgy action, and the mention of a number of large bluefish to the west added some spice.

WESTERN SOUND

Larry Ricci at **John's Gun and Tackle** weighed a 1.8 pound flounder

from the New Rochelle area and mentioned a pick of bass and weakfish. The best news was that of alligator blues to 20 pound taken while chunking during daytime hours. The **Klondike VIII** found solid bluefishing from Mamaroneck to Port Jefferson with a wider range of fish from 1½ all the way to 10 pounds. Weakfish were strictly "now and then." Crowds were good, and Sunday's action to the west was excellent late in the day despite the traffic.

Jack's Bait and Tackle on City Island saw some great porgy action for the small boats around Mamaroneck, Rye Beach, Prospect and Sands Point. Good numbers of 1/2 pounders were reported along with steady blackfish activity. Blues of 16 and 18½ pounds were taken on mackerel chunks late in the week around Hen and Chicken and the K Buoy.

The Glen Cove Sport Shop felt that harbor fluking was still really good and gave us some weights on other catches. Matt Peterson took a 16.6 pound bluefish on a live bunker, Artie Miller had a pair of 15 pound linesiders and one 13 pound tiderunner, Rod Oldenburg had a pair of nice stripers too, 20.10 and 15.7 pounds.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Bob Cedar at **Huntington Prop and Tackle** said that fluking was certainly holding up, although there was nothing like Ed Burke's 13 pound doormat in this week's report. Still the Vernolas, including Tony, Ziggy and cousins managed a catch of 26 summer flounder off Eatons. Kerry Stuven chunking the Old Channel had a 15 pound bluefish, and there were teen-size bass occasionally plugged off Marshall Field in the evening.

George Valentine at **Four Winds Tackle** described good shots on bluefish off Center Island, Lloyds, buoy 15 and the Triangle with school-size fish from 1½ to 6 pounds. A few weakfish were bucktailed under the blues near Marshall Field, and John Stone managed a 15½ pound blue on a wire trolled feather there. Apparently a number of weaks were also caught on worms at night off Asharoken with some additional action at Eaton's, Lloyd's, Sand City, Cold Spring Harbor and Valley Grove, while scup were big in Northport Bay, Sand City and off the Golf Course.

Billy Collins of the **Ever Ready** found good numbers of blues all over from Mamaroneck to Cranes with most of his fishing from Lloyds and Lilco. It could often be "how many fish do you want?" but sizes swung wildly depending on the schools. On Sunday, for example, when the boat had only a very few large blues to 11 pounds to the west, she went east and "made the day" on 1½ pound

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fish. "After all," says Collins, "Cocktails are better than no tails!" Evening trips should be swinging over to the blues soon and Collins will try some experimental runs himself early this week.

Rocky Point Bait and Tackle saw action on a lot of fluke to the east. There were still flounder off Cedar Beach and tautog off the Shoreham Pipe, especially when you could get your hands on crabs. Worms and fresh skimmers were alternatives.

Eileen at **Greenlawn Sport Shop** described a catch of 15 weakfish taken west of the Lilco platform on diamond jigs with weights to 9 pounds. Joe Hill pulled a nice catch of fluke from Sand City and the **Happy Hooker** had 26 bluefish off Lilco. From the **Complete Angler** came word of Capt. Fred Mildner's latest catch on the **Hawkeye,** a huge catch of bluefish and scup.

Capt. Frank of the **My Yacht II** from Mount Sinai said that he was doing well on small blues with a few weakfish to 8 pounds mixed in. Catches were in the zone around buoys 9 and 11 with best results on Ava 27's fitted with red or green tubes. Fluke catches were 2 or 3 per person with some fish to 23 inches and 4½ pounds off Port Jeff Inlet and the Pink House. Bob McNerny's party had an excellent catch of bluefish, spiced by three large mackerel as well.

NORTH FORK

Best catches for rental skiffs from the Mattituck Inlet area were on porgies on both sides of the Inlet itself. Coopers, the Firing Range, and the Motel were producing on incoming water. Liz at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** felt that fluke action had slowed, but the weakfish scattered among the catches of porgies continued to please.

Derek at the **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** weighed one 10 pound weakfish taken on a high hook and figured that the chances for larger fluke were better at Horton's. He said that bluefish to 4 pounds were still in the area.

Bob Ceglowski of the **Capt. Bob** from Mattituck had excellent fluking until Friday at the Inlet when most of the mid day action slowed down. Late afternoon on Saturday produced more than 60 summer flounder for a half day charter and 3 to 7 fish per person was also the norm on a half day Sunday trip.

Back in the Peconic Bays, Sal Loria at **Capt. Marty's Fishing Station** told us that John Mergerson had a half-cooler of porgies with a few large fish, plus four weakfish from 4 to 6 pounds in the South Race. John Ferris pulled 50 porgies and 3 weakfish from the Middle Grounds. Both boats were anchored and using skimmers as chum. Hi-lo rigs were advised.

Jim Dunkirk at the **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** in Southold said that

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there were some decent catches last week. For example Pete Izzo's **Boanne** had 25 nice scup for a party of children off Cedar Beach, and there were fluke picked from the Sound. Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** has been looking at charter catches of 40 or more fluke per boat and feels that the next frontal system could improve things. Fortunately, the porgy fishing is "pretty damn good" and there are bluefish up and down, all over.

Dave Brennan's **Peconic Star** put in what Dave felt was "the best weekend of the season" with roughly 1500 porgies in the one pound class on Saturday. One jumbo of 3½ pounds was a standout. Sunday was another day with a good catch all day long and Saturday was a "two drop day, like the old days." Afternoon tides are productive and it's often a worms or else situation. Even the tautog seem to prefer worms to crabs. Larry Porter of the **Brand X** was slightly more circumspect about the scup in the Plum and Gardiner's zone. At times he felt it could be very, very good, while it could also be spotty on other days. The average is certainly good. He describes the scup size as "mixed mediums."

Dan Buckley of the **Nancy Ann II** was happy about his first Saturday afternoon trip of the season down to the Race where 7 anglers tangled with 30 slammer blues to 10 to 12 pounds. The pool was a 12.4 pounder. He reminded us that these trips are set for Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 4:30. Buckley said that Gardiner fluking was slow with 3 to 4 fish per fare and the best fish on most days was around 4 pounds. Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** posted several fish over 6 pounds on Sunday.

Ron DeLisle of the **Prowler** called to say that Roosevelt Brooks and his party of 6 accounted for over 200 scup, tautog and sea bass on Gardiner's on Tuesday. Wednesday brought a good catch of Horton's fluke.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

While the calendar may read mid-July, it appears that an early dose of the August doldrums has descended over the surf scene. Many casters reported a total lack of bait and activity along most of the north shore and at Montauk. Fortunately, small bluefish, along with an occasional slammer, have kept surfmen from total boredom along the Sound and in south shore inlets.

Speaking of slammer blues, Paul Graniello of **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue, put a 16½ lb. chopper on the scale for Great South Bay Angler Club member Neil Sleuter. Neil took the fish on a pencil popper Thursday evening at Stony Brook. Paul reported that Ozzie Von Helmon, of the Patchogue Fishing Club, has been catching his fill of blues from 3 to 8 lbs. along the same Stony Brook shore, mornings and evenings. As for the south shore, Paul knew only of some small blues being taken on tins from the east jetty at Moriches Inlet in the AM and evenings.

Steve Bunai called to reveal a "dead" night at Sunken Meadow on Saturday. I found a similar scene to the west, along Northport beaches. Both areas were void of bait and fish.

Small blues and a few short bass kept Rob Osinski and friends busy at Porpoise channel. Rob and Ken Faye used 007 jigs and white tubes to take 33 blues (1-3 lbs.) and 2 short bass Friday evening. On Sunday morning, they were joined by Giles Goss on his first surf trip. The Trio caught four short bass (of which Giles caught 3; and 12 blues.

Stan Hentschel, of **Rocky Pt. Fishing Stop**, reported that plenty of small blues and occasional larger fish continue to pop up along area beaches mornings and evenings. Any small tin or plug will work. Don Meola did weigh a 13½ lb. blue taken near Stony Brook one evening last week. Nights have been quiet with plenty of mosquitoes.

A call from Glen Just revealed a similar pattern along north fork beaches. Small blues at dawn and dusk and very little activity on night tides.

Along the South Shore, there were plenty of very small blues (1 lb. class) on the east side of Shinnecock on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons. To the west, Bob Vitale of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in Amity Harbor said things have been so slow this week that guys have resorted to fishing for stingrays.

The only positive word from Mike Nicoletti at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in Wantagh concerned blues to 3 lbs. during the evening hours on the backside of Jones Inlet.

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Lou Giampa, Jr. is framed by a nice brace of fluke he caught at Horton's Point during a recent trip aboard the Orient based open boat, "Prime Time III."

News from Montauk was similarly depressing. Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in Montauk called it a real quiet week. He reported a very brief flurry of small blues in front of IGA one day during the week, a few small bass on False Bar one night and one or two weaks picked from Brown's over the course of the week. Shagwong has been void of bait and fish.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

A typical summer week for freshwater anglers. Small bass are hitting with a great deal of regularity in most of the Island's lakes and ponds but larger fish have become a little more difficult to come by. Trout fishing remains slow except for inside the confines of Connetquot River and Caleb Smith State Parks. Action with panfish remains excellent and catfish, carp, and pickerel, seem to be in a cooperative mood but face little fishing pressure. Up in Lake Ontario, anglers are experiencing fantastic action with big brown and lake trout.

Charlie Beckman of **Beckman's Bait and Tackle Shop** in **Lynbrook** called the action in Grant Park and Hempstead Lake "steady". Plenty of small fish available but no spectacular catches reported this week.

Over at **Edelman's Sportsman's Center** in **Farmingdale**, Fred Laager informs us that trout fishing in Connetquot River State Park has been

pretty productive. On Thursday, John Smith used light beaverkill nymphs and summer bear nymphs in size 12 and 16 to dupe rainbow trout of 19 and 17''. John worked beat #13. Also on the Connetquot, Jim Doolan used a #16 royal wulff to nail a 2 lb. brownie. Friend Wayne Thomas worked a muddler minnow to entice brook trout of 2 and 1.5 lbs. Small flies seem to be the key to Connetquot trout at the moment.

Panfishing has been very good on Lake Ronkonkoma according to Fred Kruse of **Pine Grove Outfitters**. A few catfish and pickerel have also mixed in. Bass enthusiast will find the action best if they work on cloudy days, or during early morning or late evening hours. Richie Herman of Lake Ronkonkoma, took six bass up to 4.5 lbs. this week but would not reveal his hotspot.

As long as we're on the topic of Lake Ronkonkoma, I should mention that last Tuesday, Long Island Bassmaster member ''Joe Mann'' and myself caught and released bass of 15 and 18''. While the bass fishing on the big lake has been a little slow of late, there are some nice sized bigmouths to be had here, making the effort quite worthwhile.

Mike Venuti, park manager of Caleb Smith State Park in Smithtown, told me this week that the trout fishing seemed to be back on track after back to back weeks of sub-par action. No spectacular catches were made but most anglers reported average results.

From **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**, Rod reports that action in the park has changed little from last week. Aside from a few trout not many other reports came in this week.

From **J & J Bait and Tackle Shop** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello reports that Ed Salpietro caught a 24'', 7 lb. catfish on a live killie bait while fishing in Patchogue's Cannon Lake. Pete Nangle took a 3 lb. bass ''out east'' and Robert Franklin used a night crawler to fool a 2.5 lb. bass in the Mill Pond. Also from the Mill Pond, Artie Pryor and Dave Mehrtens took six pickerel on killies and small rebels. Bernie Lorentz checked in a 3.5 lb. brownie which he took on a fly while working a local Tidal Creek. Bernie is currently leading in the shop's trout contest.

George Devlin of the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**, reports that Tom Carney caught a 5.9 lb. largemouth in Forge Pond on Thursday. Saturday saw Wayne Reichert of Mineola, land a 5 lb. pickerel on a rapala during the early hours.

From upstate Rochester, Bill Johnson of **Odessey Charters** passed on word that the past week has seen som of the best summer brown trout fishing ever in Lake Ontario. Browns in the 8-10 lb. range have been holding at the thremocline in 60-70 feet of water. Mixed in with these fish are some large lake trout. Black evil eye spoons and dodge and squid combos have been the hot lures.

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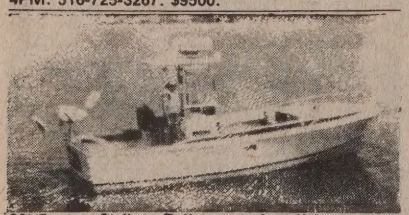

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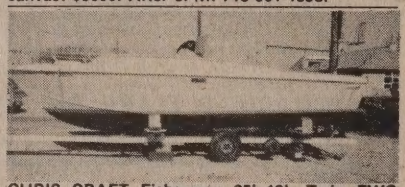

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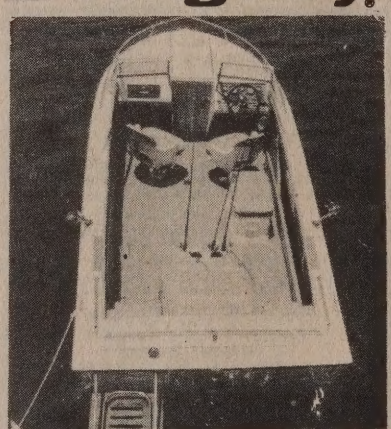

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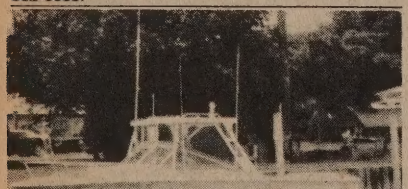

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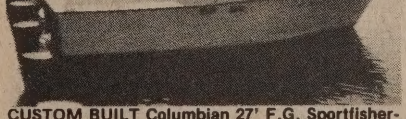

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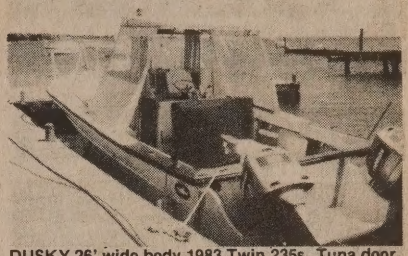

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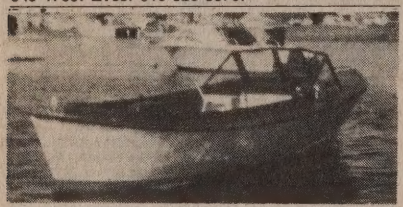

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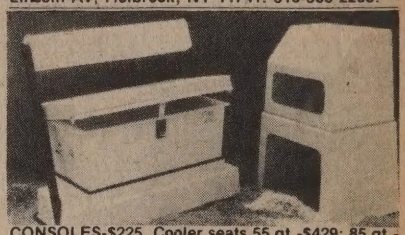

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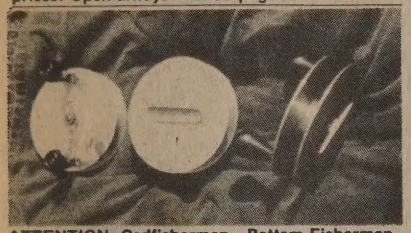

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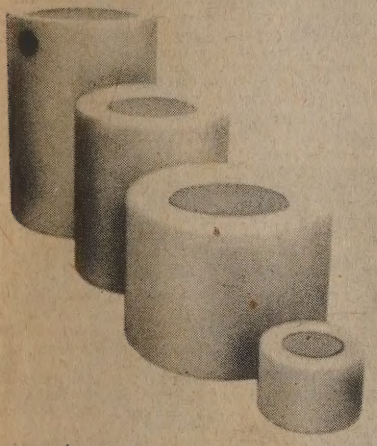

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